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HH the Crown Prince was received at the Kuwait airport, by ministers and top officials.

Sheikh Saad returns

KUWAIT, Nov 12, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned home today after ending an eight-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, ministers, and top government officials. Sheikh Saad held talks in Saudi Arabia with King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah. He also performed umrah and visited the Holy Prophet's mosque in Madinah.

An accord on neutral oil zone was signed between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia during Sheikh Saad's visit.

Arafat urges Bush to reconsider US Mideast policy

Crucial PNC session opens

ALGIERS, Nov 12, (Agencies): PLO leader Yasser Arafat addressed Palestinian leaders today at the opening of an extraordinary session of their parliament-in-exile to make a declaration of independence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestine National Council opened its first session at 4:20 pm (15:20 GMT) in a circular conference hall at the heavily guarded Club des Pins Convention Centre on the Algerian coast.

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When Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid arrived a short time before the opening, the hundreds of delegates burst into loud applause, chanting in Arabic "We will avenge our mar-

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Saudi Arabia and China establish trade link

BAHRAIN, Nov 12, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia and China have agreed to open commercial offices in each other's capitals, the first permanent representation between Riyadh and Beijing.

DAY BY DAY

ONCE again, press photographers were not allowed to cover the return of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah from Saudi Arabia. I really do not know the reason for this course of action. Does the security force want to see local dailies provide the same type of pictures? Or is the ban of press photographers aimed at foiling the newspaper's mission of covering such an important event with pictures? We have raised this issue before with concerned officials. But, it seems that there are "some" who do not want to hear or respond. Who these "some" really are we do not know.

Zahed Matar

Cosmonauts set record

MOSCOW, Nov 12, (Agencies): Two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the space station MIR broke the world's 326-day space endurance record today and are on target to stay up a full year until Dec 21, Tass said.

Commander Vladimir Titov, 41, has lost two kg (4.4 pounds) in weight and co-pilot Musa Manarov, 37, has gained 1.5 kg (3.3 pounds), but generally "the functioning of their organisms is within norm," Tass said.

Guerrilla attack

BOGOTA, Nov 12, (AP): Hundreds of bomb-throwing leftist guerrillas attacked a gold mining town and a military base in northern Colombia, killing 34 civilians and leaving 31 others injured, authorities said today.

Crew rescued

NAMSOS, Norway, Nov 12, (Reuters): A rescue helicopter plucked 25 crew from a Polish cargo ship that suffered engine failure in heavy seas and was drifting towards the rocky coasts of central Norway, local officials said today.



Govinda, Sridevi very much alive

By Fatima Ahmed

INDIAN film stars Govinda and Sridevi are doing fine and taking part in the shooting of their films, the editor of an Indian film magazine said yesterday.

Filmfare editor Rauf Ahmed, in a telephone interview with the Arab Times, said: "The reports of their death are untrue and baseless."

"Nothing as drastic as that has happened," he said, adding, "no one in Bombay has heard about the so-called tragedy."

He confirmed: "Both performers are doing well and shooting."

Govinda is shooting in Bombay for one of his 50 movies. Sridevi, who has been in Srinagar for location shooting, went to Madras yesterday."

Rumours

Rumours were afloat in Kuwait about the reported death of actor Govinda in a car crash. Top film actress Sridevi was said to have been injured or dead in the same accident.

The Arab Times office received several calls from worried, panicky fans — Pakistanis, Indians and Bangladeshis — seeking news about the two stars. One fan said: "I will board the next plane to Bombay to see the last remains of my favourite star, Govinda."

The rumours started in Kuwait after a Pakistani newspaper reported the alleged car accident involving the two stars. It said Govinda had died and Sridevi was injured. The same paper retracted the story a day later, saying that no one was injured in the accident. It gave no further details.

Heavy water

OSLO, Norway, Nov 12, (AP): Norway is moving to outlaw exports of heavy water as evidence mounts that material sold for peaceful research has been diverted to make nuclear weapons.

Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg told parliament on Thursday he was drafting a bill to halt the sales, charging that other countries had failed to control how the water was used.

Israel acts to forestall violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 12, (Reuters): Israeli troops raided West Bank towns and villages and confined 650,000 Palestinians to their Gaza Strip homes today to prevent protests in solidarity with a meeting of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

An Army spokesman said troops searched dozens of areas in the West Bank and imposed curfews in several towns and villages there. He would not say how many arrests were made.

A curfew imposed on residents of the Gaza Strip last night would remain in effect until further notice, he added.

Palestinians in the territories, seized from Egypt and Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war, anxiously awaited the opening of the Palestine National Council (PNC) meeting in Algiers today.

Curfews Israeli troops imposed curfews on the West Bank towns of Tulkarem and Kalkiya, Shuwaykah and Huwwarah villages and the Balata refugee camp. Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, was declared a closed military area.

"The intention is to limit travel, not to totally isolate them (the Palestinian residents). All these measures were taken to prevent demonstrations and keep things quiet during the PNC meeting," the Army spokesman said.

West Bank Palestinians were prohibited from travelling to Jerusalem or between districts of the occupied area, he added.

There were no immediate reports of injuries in the occupied territories except for three Palestinians slightly hurt in beatings in the Gaza Strip, hospital staff said.

Palestinian journalists reported that many phone lines were cut in the West Bank to prevent contact with the press. The Army said it had no such reports and civil administration officials were unavailable for comment.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said most phone lines in his town were cut. "The situation so far is quiet, but very tense. There is a heavy security presence, much heavier than usual," he said.

"The PNC meeting is a very important one and the people here are looking towards Algiers to see what resolutions will be taken and we hope the resolutions will help to begin the peace process," Freij said.

Israel Radio said police had arrested nine Arab citizens of Israel suspected of harming Palestinians who co-operated with the Jewish state. The arrests were made last month, but were only authorised for publication today, it said.

The nine, who allegedly acted on behalf of Fatah, the military arm of the PLO, were accused of throwing petrol bombs at the homes of Israeli Arabs in Kfar Sulam in northern Israel and dealings in arms and drug trade, the radio said.

Court orders use of IDs in Pakistani polls

LAHORE, Nov 12, (Agencies): The Supreme Court today ordered that Pakistani voters will have to produce state identity cards in order to cast their ballots in Nov 16 and 19 general elections.

It came as an injunction from the 12-member bench, suspending a high court ruling on Tuesday that threw out the ID card requirement after it was challenged by the opposition Pakistan People's Party of Benazir Bhutto.

The PPP claimed a large segment of Pakistan's 48 million eligible voters did not have the cards, especially women who refuse to be photographed according to Muslim tradition.

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INTERNATIONAL

Philippine rebel leader escapes from detention

MANILA, Nov 12. (Reuters): The head of the communist rebel Army in the Philippines escaped today from a Manila military camp where he had been held for more than seven months, military sources said.

The sources said Romulo Kintanar, commander-in-chief of the New People's Army (NPA), escaped with his wife who was being held with him in a stockade at the national police headquarters at Camp Crame.

Search

Constabulary chief Major General Ramon Montano ordered an immediate search for the couple, the sources, who asked not to be named, said.

As chief of the NPA, Kintanar, was ranked third highest rebel leader in the country at the time of his arrest, after the Communist Party chairman and the party secretary-general.

The Army said Kintanar, who commanded an estimated 25,000 guerrillas fighting a 19-year insurgency war, organised the guerrillas' "sparrow" assassination squads blamed for the killing of more than 100 soldiers and policemen in Manila during the past two years.

Permission

The sources said Kintanar and his wife escaped after receiving permission to visit an Army officer living in another part of the camp.

Kintanar and his wife were escorted by at least one soldier when they left the stockade, the sources said. The Army was checking reports the two escaped in a car apparently waiting for them inside the camp.

They added that the two military officers and two enlisted men in charge of their custody were under investigation.

Kintanar and his wife, and alleged guerrilla himself, were arrested on March 29 along with five other high-ranking rebels, including Communist Party Secretary-General Rafael Baylosis and central committee member Benjamin de Vera.

Baylosis, de Vera and the others remain in detention.

People launch hunger strike to demand release of the detained

Police clash with demonstrators in Poland

WARSAW, Nov 12. (Agencies): About 80 people launched a hunger strike today in a cathedral in southern Poland to demand the release of demonstrators detained at a rally to mark the 70th anniversary of the rebirth of the Polish state, opposition spokesman said.

More than 50 people were detained and at least seven severely beaten in the southern city of Katowice when police charged a crowd gathered in front of the cathedral of Jesus Christ the King for a rally last evening, said Dorota Switon, a Solidarity spokeswoman in Katowice.

Realised

About midnight about 250 people ran into the cathedral for shelter and some of them began a hunger strike when they realised they could not leave without being attacked by police, opposi-

tion spokesman Zygmunt Lenyk said by telephone from Krakow.

The hunger strikers demand the release of those detained by police during a rally in Katowice, punishment for police who beat protesters, and written assurances that the people now in the cathedral will not face repression once the action is over, Lenyk said.

Katowice is 285 kilometres (180 miles) southwest of Warsaw.

Police remain outside the cathedral, Switon said and a bishop from Katowice, requesting anonymity, said he saw "no immediate prospects" for ending the hunger strike.

The bishop said police allowed some people who declined to join the hunger strike to leave the cathedral in the morning.

The hunger strike followed a long evening of clashes as police

using batons, tear gas and water cannons, dispersed demonstrators in at least five major cities following independent rallies to mark the anniversary.

Beat

Riot police beat marchers with batons and used water cannon to break up an anti-communist march by about 5,000 people in the Polish port of Gdansk late yesterday, opposition sources said.

Police dispersed rallies in the western city of Poznan and in Katowice in the south and at least one woman was taken to hospital, the sources said.

About 15,000 people marched unhindered through Warsaw chanting anti-government slogans and singing freedom songs carrying banners supporting the banned Solidarity trade union. Police prevented a later

march by about 1,000 youths. Marches and rallies elsewhere, including gatherings of 10,000 in the southern cities of Krakow and Wroclaw, passed off peacefully, the sources said.

In Gdansk, where Solidarity was born amid strikes there in 1980, police wearing helmets and wielding long white batons moved in on the crowd after youths threw stones at them. The official news agency PAP said the youths tore up paving stones, set fire to garbage bins and threw stones at police.

It did not say if the police had made any arrests or if anyone had been hurt.

Subjugation

The crowd marched after a mass at St Mary's Basilica church of the anniversary of Poland's re-emergence as an independent state after 123 years of subjugation to Austria, Prus-

sia and Russia.

Police also dispersed crowds in Poznan and there were some minor clashes, the opposition sources said. It was not clear if anyone was arrested or hurt.

Want

In Warsaw, marchers chanted "we want Lech and Wojciech" in support of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and against Poland's communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski. They held a rally at the tomb of the union soldier where Jaruzelski earlier attended sombre official celebrations.

Riot police kept out of sight in what veteran observers said was the biggest unofficial demonstration in the city centre in five years but chased away about 1,000 youths after the main crowd dispersed. There were some minor scuffles.

War may resume, says Rafsanjani

NICOSIA, Nov 12. (AP): Iranian Speaker of Parliament Hashemi Rafsanjani said today that the current situation of "no war, no peace" in the Gulf was not acceptable and without peace the fighting will resume, Tehran Radio reported.

Rafsanjani, also acting commander of the armed forces, was quoted as saying: "We must either achieve peace or return to war. The present situation is unacceptable."

The third round of peace talks since the United Nations-brokered ceasefire went into effect on Aug 20 ended yesterday with no significant progress in consolidating the truce.

Rafsanjani also strongly criticised Iraq for the deadlock in the Geneva talks, according to a Tehran Radio report monitored in Nicosia.

Threats

He urged the military and para-military forces which fought in the war with Iraq, to be prepared in the event of a resumption of hostilities. Officials in Iran have made similar threats since the ceasefire began.

Iranian Prime Minister Hus-

sein Musavi, meanwhile, indicated yesterday the Islamic Republic is moderating its isolationist stance in favour of a more pragmatic foreign policy.

In an interview broadcast on state-run television one day after Iran restored relations with Britain, Musavi said: "Wherever our interests demand, we will restore relations."

Restored

"As with any other country, Iran's relations with other countries are based on self-interest," he said.

In recent months Tehran has restored relations with France, after a year's break, and with Canada, which shut down its Tehran embassy in 1980 after diplomats there sheltered several Americans and smuggled them to safety.

Ties with Italy and West Germany also are being improved.

At the same time, Iran is seeking to boost relations with the Soviet Union, whose senior Foreign Undersecretary, Alexander Bessmertnykh, is visiting Tehran this week. Iran has also said it is ready to restore ties with Saudi Arabia.

Court orders use of IDs in polls

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govern a Muslim nation. Others, such as former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, disagree.

Hoarse and suntanned after days of outdoor campaigning, Benazir told frenzied supporters to keep calm on polling day.

"We are afraid of violence and vandalism," she told reporters. "We appeal to our people to remain calm and cool-headed whatever the provocation."

Benazir said the bureaucrats administering the vote counting were paid by the state and not by political parties and she felt confident they would try and ensure a fair election.

Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has put judges in charge of the voting, pledging to make the election fair.


Benazir, who has been mobbed by huge crowds during her Punjab tour, said she had been trying unsuccessfully to contact IDA leaders to arrange public debates.

She has challenged the IDA to discuss Pakistan's nuclear programme with her on television. One IDA leader, Nawaz Sharif, has accepted the challenge, but said they should also discuss her brother Mur-taza's alleged links to a plane hijacking.

Conti dies

FIESOLE, Italy, Nov 12. (AP): Primo Conti, a painter who was the last major figure of Italy's Futurist movement, died this morning at the age of 88, Italian news agencies reported.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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NORWICH, England, Nov 12. (AP): A confidence man posing as a representative of the Sultan of Brunei tricked the Royal Air Force into giving him a test flight on one of Queen Elizabeth II's personal jets and ordered planes worth £120 million (\$217 million), a court was told.

Peter Kersey, an unemployed ex-convict, pleaded guilty yesterday at Norwich Crown Court to eight charges of deception and obtaining monetary advantage involving more than £400,000 (\$724,000) and asked for four similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Firebomb attack

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 12. (Reuters): Arsonists firebombed the office of South Africa's anti-apartheid white students' union today, damaging a hall where Archbishop Desmond Tutu was expected to appear later in the day, student leaders said.

The early morning attack wrecked the head office of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS), housed in Johannesburg's university of the Witwatersrand.

Transition

WASHINGTON, Nov 12. (AP): President-elect George Bush's transition team is moving into its new headquarters this weekend as aides devise procedures for picking leaders of the next US administration.

Bush, meanwhile, vacationed in Gulf Stream, Florida, yesterday where he said little about his plans for the transition. He reiterated there would be no personal announcements until after he returns to Washington on Monday or Tuesday.

Veto right

MOSCOW, Nov 12. (Reuters): An emergency parliamentary session in the Soviet republic of Estonia is to be urged to "declare the sovereignty of the Estonian people" and demand a veto right on Soviet legislation, sources in the republic said today.

Two detained in India for spying

NEW DELHI, Nov 12. (AP): A retired Army officer and a senior government scientist have been arrested on suspicion of selling defence secrets to foreign countries, the United News of India reported today.

The news agency said R.S. Deol, a former brigadier in the Indian Army, and N.W. Nerurkar, a scientist working in the government's electronics department, were arrested by officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

UNI said Deol was arrested on Thursday and Nerurkar on Friday. Both men were produced before a magistrate yesterday and remanded to custody, it said.

Documents relating to helicopters and marked "top secret" and some gold biscuits were recovered from Deol's residence on the eastern outskirts of the capital, it said.

A raid at Nerurkar's residence yielded documents relating to trial reports of battlefield surveillance radars tested by the Indian Army, UNI said.

Under Indian law, people accused of espionage and other serious crimes need not be formally charged for a maximum of 90 days after their arrest.

The news agency did not report in whose pay the alleged spies were but said they were "important agents" of an espionage ring that had operated for several years.

Crucial PNC ...

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Wrangling over the resolution was expected to dominate much of the weekend session, Palestinian sources said. Also still to be decided they said, was the status of Jerusalem in the theoretical Palestinian state and the wording of a reference to an international conference on the Middle East, which the PLO hopes will be held.

Overturn

Some Palestinian leaders want the political statements to designate all of Jerusalem as capital of the future state, while others say they would be satisfied with "Arab Jerusalem" — eastern Jerusalem, which remained Arab before it was overrun by the Israelis in the 1967 war.

Moderates among the 448 deputies would like the political statement to refer to "an international conference that would bring peace to the countries of the area including Israel". Hardliners, however, want the words "including Israel" to be deleted from the text, the sources said.

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Armed soldiers check a vehicle outside a telegraph office in downtown Colombo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fuel workers strike in Sri Lanka

Sinhalese face food shortage

COLOMBO, Nov 12, (AP): Towns in the Sinhalese heartland faced serious food shortages today because of a strike by fuel workers, a government official said, as workers defied a decree threatening some strikers with the death penalty.

About 2,500 employees of the Ceylon Petroleum Corp., the island nation's only supplier of gasoline, walked off the job on Monday in response to a four-day strike called by the People's Liberation Front. The Sinhalese extremist group is demanding the resignation of President Junius Jayewardene.

Many of the fuel workers were still not back on duty by today, despite an emergency decree issued by Jayewardene on Friday providing for death by hanging

for strike instigators and those refusing to report for work in "essential services" sectors, such as fuel and transportation.

Jayewardene today appealed to people to refrain from supporting anti-government extremists.

"The recent disturbances have had adverse effects on economic and development plans of the country," he said, while presiding over the opening of a new terminal at Colombo's international airport, 25 kilometres north of the capital, near the village of Katumayanake.

Sufficient food has been sent to the southern port town of Galle, but gasoline shortages have prevented distribution to other towns in the region, food commissioner Graham Dissanayake said today.

Senior officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the government intended the emergency decree as a deterrent and hoped it would not be necessary to resort to capital punishment to stop strikes.

P.M. Hamza, general manager of the Ceylon Petroleum Corp., said the decree applied to his workers, since the corporation had been declared essential.

He said "a large number" of his employees had returned to work, and he expected others to report shortly, although he could not give any figures.

The decree was issued as businesses reopened following the four-day strike. It was the second tough measure introduced in a week, in an effort to halt anti-government protests.

Christian commander raps Murphy

Aoun to try rival Army chief

BEIRUT, Nov 12, (UPI): Army commander Maj. Gen. Michel Aoun said as Army chief, he will court-martial in absentia a Sunni Muslim officer for accepting an appointment, by a rival pro-Syrian cabinet.

Aoun also launched a scathing attack on US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, accusing him of being "an incompetent person" who has failed to help resolve the ongoing political stalemate.

Aoun said Brigadier General Sami Al Khatib will be tried by a military court on charges of accepting a position "which endangers the country's unity and falls within schemes aimed at partition."

Boycott

The cabinet decided to take all legal measures to refer Brig. Gen. Sami Al Khatib to the special judicial authorities according to military laws," said Aoun, who was appointed as the head of six-man military cabinet by former President Amin Gemayel.

Aoun made the statement as he emerged from a meeting of the military government at the presidential palace in the district of Baabda on the outskirts of East Beirut.

The three Muslim officers who were named as members of Aoun's cabinet have boycotted the government and never took part in meetings.

Aoun charged that the decision by the rival government of pro-Syrian Sunni politician Selim Hoss Wednesday to appoint the 55-year-old Al Khatib as Army commander "would serve schemes to partition the country."

Aoun also lashed out at Murphy, describing him as "a man of failure."

He failed and he should acknowledge his failure, because he insists on saying there are two governments in Lebanon... I am surprised that a senior official of the US State Department cannot properly read the laws and the constitution," Aoun said, when asked about recent mediation

efforts by Murphy to resolve the crisis.

He was alluding to a reported agreement between the United States and Syria to back a compromise presidential candidate, Maronite politician Mikhail Al Dahar. The agreement was reached during Murphy's visit to Syria in September.

Aoun had swiftly rebuffed "choosing a president abroad," and the Christian militia boss, Samir Geagea, accused Al Dahar of having plans to expand the Syrian military deployment in Lebanon.

Vold

Lebanon has been without a president since Sept 23, when Gemayel left office under a constitutional deadline. Parliament failed twice to elect a successor to Gemayel who set up Aoun's cabinet in a last attempt to fill the constitutional void.

The pro-Syrian Muslim camp has refused to recognise the military leadership as legitimate, and considered Gemayel's move as a military coup.

Birds with dirty mouth barred

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 12, (AP): The organisers of a mynah bird speaking contest said they would bar birds which swore or screamed obscenities, a local newspaper reported today.

All mynads entered for the contest in the sea carnival in Lumut, 200 kilometres north-west of here, will have to be tested by a "censorship board" before being allowed to take part, said a report in The Star newspaper.

Perak state Wildlife and National Parks deputy director Tajuddin Mohamed Talha told The Star owners of the birds will also be asked if their pets spoke foul language since royalty, women and children would be watching the contest.

Tajuddin said birds speaking in Malay would be given bonus points.

Iraq frees jailed Swede

STOCKHOLM, Nov 12, (Reuters): Iraqi Vice-President Taha Ma'ruf said today his government had released a Swedish businessman jailed for life in Baghdad.

The businessman, Wolfgang Granlund, was arrested in January last year and convicted of espionage and currency violations.

"I have the pleasure to announce that Mr Granlund... has been released and handed over to the Swedish embassy in Baghdad," Ma'ruf said in a statement just before ending a three-day working visit.

He said Granlund was granted a special amnesty by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Moscow-Kabul military co-operation

Soviet official meets Najib

ISLAMABAD, Nov 12, (Reuters): Oleg Baklanov, secretary of the Soviet Communist Party central committee in charge of defence industries, arrived in Kabul on Friday and began talks with Afghan President Najibullah, Kabul Radio said.

The radio, monitored in Islamabad, gave no details of their discussions.

A Soviet spokesman in Moscow said earlier Baklanov's talks would cover military and economic ties.

Last week the Kremlin announced that it had sent Soviet SS-1 short-range missiles to the Afghan Army in response to attacks on the capital by Muslim rebels.

Soviet officials said they hoped to reduce pressure by the guerrillas, who rely largely on the

United States and Pakistan for their arms.

The withdrawal of Soviet troops, half of which was completed by mid-August, was due to resume in the middle of this month but has been temporarily suspended because of a barrage of rebel attacks.

Soviet officials have said all Moscow's forces will still leave by the Feb 15 deadline.

Fighting

Afghan authorities said on Friday they had killed hundreds of rebels in eastern Afghanistan and the provincial city of Jalalabad was now quiet and under their control.

The Pakistan-based rebels earlier said they were launching rocket attacks on Jalalabad, capital of Nangarhar province, after taking some nearby garrisons and a border post, and that

the main road link with Pakistan was closed.

Security forces killed 340 rebels in the Shinwar area and 250 in the Khojamar area of Nangarhar and captured large quantities of arms and ammunition, official Kabul Radio said.

"The situation is now completely quiet in Jalalabad" after Thursday's fighting, said the broadcast monitored in Islamabad.

Government forces have been firing newly supplied long-range Soviet rockets at suspected rebel bases in Nangarhar province this month, but the rebels said there had been no major damage.

Fifteen such missiles, known in the West as Scuds, were fired from Kabul eastwards between Monday and Wednesday, Western diplomats in Islamabad said.

Dalai Lama protests arrest of 20 monks in China

NEW DELHI, Nov 12, (AP): The office of the Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of Tibetans, has protested what it called the arrests in China of 20 monks ensnared by answers to an official questionnaire.

A letter issued by his office said Chinese officials, using the name of Beijing University and the Tibetan Educational Research Centre, sent questionnaires to lamas, or monks, seeking detailed information about their families and their views on political issues.

The monks were arrested earlier this month "after they had the courage to state their true

feelings," said the letter. "We wish to express our deep concern at what appears to be a new form of intimidation which has been introduced in Tibet."

The letter was delivered to the Chinese embassy in New Delhi on Friday.

A Chinese diplomat said today the letter had been forwarded to Beijing, but she could not say whether or not its allegations were true.

The list of 100 questions included ones that were "clearly intended to be used as a tool for propaganda and intimidation," the letter said. The examples it listed included:

"Do you hope that all the Chinese officials be removed from Tibet?"

"Do you hope to have the Dalai Lama as the leader of the Tibetan government?"

Invasion

The Dalai Lama fled to India in 1959 after an abortive uprising against Chinese rule. China invaded Tibet in 1949 and annexed it a year later.

It said the last time such a questionnaire was used was in 1959, shortly before the uprising.

"It is very disturbing that this new measure should have been introduced in Tibet at a time when his holiness the Dalai Lama is making every effort to promote a peaceful solution to the tragic issue of Tibet," the letter said.

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Bomb explodes in W. Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov 12 (UPI): A bomb exploded last night in West Beirut at the entrance of a building housing the offices of the Soviet news agency, Novosti, causing damages but no casualties, police said today.

The charge, estimated at 2 pounds (1 kg) of dynamite, was tossed by unknown attackers at the building's entrance in the Moussaitbeh neighbourhood late on Friday, police said. The offices of the Novosti news agency were closed at the time of the explosion.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing which caused damages to the building and destroyed furniture and office equipment, but caused no casualties, police said.

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High-tech ship signal replaces Morse

LONDON, Nov 12, (AP): World shipping leaders gave the go-ahead on Friday for the introduction of new, automatic communications that will mean the end of the Morse code for ships at sea.

The decision represents "one of the biggest advances in maritime communications since the introduction of radio," said a statement issued after a conference of shipping officials.

The new communications system, called the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, transmits and receives automatically, so having the ability to transmit Morse code will no longer be a requirement for ships.

Shipowners are expected to phase out radio operators when the new equipment is installed in ships, starting in 1993.

Some parts of the new technology, which includes satellite communications, already are in use on British ships and, after 1999, they will be rewired on ships worldwide.

The decision was made at a two-week conference in London of the International Maritime Organization, a United Nations agency that oversees the safety of shipping and tries to prevent ships from polluting the seas.

The 66 countries represented account for about 97 per cent of the world's ships, said spokesman Roger Kohn.

The new system allows the crew to send a distress signal by pushing a button, which should prevent ships disappearing without a trace when messages could not be sent in time.

Ships also will carry a radio beacon, which will give the ship's position and must be able to float free if the ship sinks suddenly.

Sakharov warns against perestroika

NEW YORK, Nov 12 (UPI): Human rights activist Andrei Sakharov, making his first visit to the West, has warned against complacent acceptance of recent Soviet reforms, saying events in his homeland must be watched with a wary eye.

Speaking at a reception in his honour at the New York Academy of Sciences, the Soviet physicist and Nobel peace prize winner said Mikhail Gorbachev's policies were being viewed with a mixture of excitement and fear in the Soviet Union.

Perestroika — Gorbachev's drive to restructure the Soviet economy and political system — should be supported but "this should be a support of a sober and demanding friend," he said.

"Gorbachev should be helped but critically," he said. "It refers not just to Gorbachev personally but to all the processes taking place in our country as well."

"One should not think that all of the problems have been already solved," he said. "The processes taking place in our country are very controversial and some of them are dangerous in some instances."

He said his country was "at the turning point."

"It is very important that the loftiest goals should not be squandered or forgotten in the process," he said.

Sakharov arrived this week on his first visit to the United States and his first trip out of his homeland in 30 years.

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US helicopter crash kills all three crewmen

MANAMA, Nov 12. (Agencies): Investigators will try to determine why a US Navy helicopter crashed yesterday, killing all three crewmen, while preparing to land aboard a warship in the northern Arabian Sea. US officials said today.

Seven American military aircraft have crashed in the region in the last 19 months, leaving 12 Americans dead.

During those 19 months of expanded US naval operations to protect commercial shipping during the Iraq-Iran war, 49 Americans have been killed, including 37 aboard the missile frigate USS Stark, mistakenly hit by Iraqi missiles in May 1987.

Landing
Officials who asked not to be identified, said the SH-2F anti-submarine helicopter crashed before dawn yesterday while making a routine landing approach to the frigate USS Barbey.

"They were coming in toward the ship, they called in and said they had some kind of a problem, and then the helicopter just went down and hit the water," said one

official.
The aircraft apparently sank immediately, as boats and other helicopters from the Barbey, the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz and the missile cruiser USS California were unable to find any survivors or wreckage, the official said.

The crewmen were identified as the Pilot, Lieut. Cmdr. Gerald Pelz, 37, of Coronado, California, Lieut. (J.G.) Gerald T. Ramsdell of Ridgewood, New Jersey and Petty Officer William E. Martinie, 24, of Peoria, Illinois. Ramsdell's age was not immediately known, a Navy spokesman said.

Searched
The three are "lost and presumed dead," a US Navy spokesman, Ken Mitchell, said in a statement from the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego.

The three ships which searched the area for survivors are part of the US carrier battle group now operating in the Arabian Sea, in support of US forces inside the Gulf.

Kidney transplant woman gives birth to twins

A JORDANIAN woman living in Kuwait who underwent a kidney transplant three years ago gave birth to twins by Caesarean section a few days ago. The baby boy and girl are fine, said doctors.

The mother was discharged from the hospital yesterday.

Rare
Dr Mahmoud Samhan, director of the Hamed Al Issa Organ Transplant Centre, said it is rare for a former transplant patient to bear children with no major complications.

The woman received a kidney donated by her mother, he said.

The transplanted kidney is functioning normally, he added. In a related development, a Kuwaiti woman gave birth to triplets — two girls and a boy — at the Maternity Hospital in Kuwait on Thursday. The mother and the babies are in good health, according to hospital sources.

Meanwhile, a Saudi woman

Ministry builds three centres

THE Ministry of Social Affairs has built three development centres in Fintas, Firdous and Ardhiya areas, according to the Assistant Undersecretary Dr Latifa Al Rujaiib.

She added that these centres are being furnished and are scheduled to open shortly. These centres will need additional manpower specialised in the fields of society development, she said.

Skills
The centre in Bayan area trained 190 girls in its different sections. The girls are taught skills such as typing and tailoring. The girls are given aid and donations from the Ministry of Social Affairs. The centre will also help students who have learnt typing to find jobs in the public sector.

Social
The official added that the centre has a big hall for weddings, festivals and other social events. Cultural and informational seminars were also held at the hall, she said.

She added that the girls' work will be displayed and sold. The girls will be given a share of the profits, Al Rujaiib said.



The Chevrolet 1989 Corsica

New customs inspectors honoured

GRADUATES of the first customs inspectors course organised by the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training in co-operation with the Public Customs Department, were honoured at a tea party at Zaben Festival Hall in the Roudha area.

Ibrahim Al Ghani, director of the Customs Department, welcomed the new graduates to the department.

He added that the department plans to organise similar training courses for inspectors with secondary school certificates.

Citizens warned about contractors

THE head of the contractors section at Kuwait Municipality, Hussain Al Awadi, has warned plot owners against dealing with unlicensed contractors.

Citizens who deal with these contractors could find themselves the victims of fraudulent practices, he said.

He appealed to citizens to abide by regulations which stipulate that the contractor must be licensed by Kuwait Municipality and registered with Kuwait's Central Tenders Committee (CTC).

The municipality, in co-operation with the Ministries of Social Affairs and Labour and Interior is planning to ban unlicensed contractors.

Society wants smoking banned in public places

KUWAIT, Nov 12. (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Society for Combating Smoking and Cancer is asking officials to ban smoking in public places.

This was announced today by the society's secretary Dr Hussein Al Moumen in an interview with Kuwait News Agency.

Advertisements
He told KUNA that the society is also asking officials to ban cigarette advertisements in newspapers and in streets.

Al Moumen affirmed that issuing such decisions would not harm individual freedom, but

would be aimed at protecting the non-smokers.

He noted that the society, established in late 1980, has a special clinic that was opened seven years ago to help smokers quit smoking. The clinic helped 52 per cent of the smokers who came for help to stop smoking.

Cancer
He also said that the society will form a special committee to combat cancer.

The board of the Kuwaiti Society for Combating Smoking and Cancer is chaired by Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

He noted that the Kuwaiti Air Force was keen to enlist new pilots in the exercises, so that they could exchange combat information with their Gulf brothers.

Discussing preparations for the final day of the exercises, which will include the use of live ammunition, Bughaith said that participants are ready for any combat circumstances.

The manoeuvres will group 44 fighters, including Mirage, Hawk, Skyhawk and Puma

choppers.

Meanwhile, the commanders of the Saudi and UAE Air Force detachments praised Kuwait's preparations for the manoeuvres.

Prove
Wing Commander Bandar Bin Abdulla Al Saud of the Saudi Air Force said that the preparations by the Kuwaitis prove their military know-how.

Prince Bandar said that the Saudi Royal Air Force conducted a preparatory exercise, a mini-version of the current manoeuvres.

Comparing the Peninsula Falcon manoeuvres and the 1980 Red Banner exercises which took place in the US, the Saudi officer affirmed that the two manoeuvres are similar with regard to combat capabilities, but in the West more units and personnel participate.

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Ration cards must be renewed once a year

By Lima Al Khalafawi

RATION cards will now have to be renewed every year, according to Abdullah Al Mulla, director of the Consumer Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The cards had been issued with a validity of five years on payment of KD5. But, according to new regulations, these cards will have to be renewed on a yearly basis. No additional charges will have to be paid.

Records
Al Mulla said that the annual renewal is seen as a measure to maintain up-to-date records of people benefitting from the card and cancelling the names of those

Teachers need more respect, says official

ALI Al Baddah, the head of the Kuwait Teachers Society, Ahmad branch, said that teachers should be accorded good social status because of their valuable contributions to society.

Teachers often leave their profession and take up other jobs which provide better social status, he said.

He added that officials of the relevant ministries and establishments should enlighten parents and pupils about the importance of respecting teachers and their profession.

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KPTC plans to form joint transport firm

THE Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC) is planning to establish a joint transport company to serve the GCC countries, according to the assistant delegate member for Transport and Operation Affairs at KPTC, Issam Mubarak Al Rifai.

The official called for the reconsideration of existing rules at the company to stay abreast of the march towards pan-Arab economic and social integration. He told a local newspaper that the constantly developing transportation facilities enhance economic co-operation.

Agreements
The company has signed agreements with Iraq, Jordan and Egypt, and stressed the need for additional agreements between the rest of the Arab countries.

The agreements take on added importance since transport services offered by private companies in most of the Arab world do not keep pace with demand.

He called for further mobilisation and consolidation of efforts to fulfil the pan-Arab aspirations.

UN chief hails POWs exchange

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 12. (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday the agreement between Iran and Iraq to repatriate sick and wounded prisoners of war is another step toward implementing the UN ceasefire resolution.

UN spokesman Francois Giuliani said de Cuellar "welcomes the announcement in Geneva by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) that Iran and Iraq agreed to exchange invalid POWs."

Repatriated
Under the identical accords, reached with the ICRC in Geneva, 1,158 Iraqi prisoners and 417 Iranian are to be repatriated during a three-week period beginning Nov 20, the spokesman said.

Remaining sick and wounded prisoners on both sides will be registered and repatriated during a second stage ending Dec 31, he added.

"The secretary-general is gratified by this further demonstration by the governments of Iran and Iraq of their willingness to co-operate in resolving this humanitarian issue," Giuliani said.

Step
"Following the coming into effect of the ceasefire and the emplacement of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, this development represents a further step in the direction of the full implementation of Resolution 598," Giuliani quoted the UN chief as saying.

The 350-strong observer group took their positions on both sides of the Iran-Iraq border before the ceasefire went into effect Aug 20.

The third round of UN-mediated peace negotiations in Geneva ended yesterday in an impasse over the issues of troop withdrawal and repatriation of 100,000 POWs from both sides. The third round began Oct 31.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Medical symposium

THE second Middle East — German Medical Symposium was held at the College of Medicine recently under the patronage of the Ministry of Health.

Health Minister, Jawad Al Arrayed, inaugurated the symposium. He spoke of the need for exchanging medical information between developed and developing countries.

Dr Rashid Fulaifi, Health Ministry undersecretary, praised West Germany's contribution to improving Bahrain's health care through training of doctors and supplying medical equipment.

According to Dr Bernd Wulfen, the Kuwait-based West German ambassador to Bahrain, the island served as a test area and is blue-print for successful healthcare programmes.

During the two-day symposium, training and the exchange of visits by professors between Bahrain and West Germany were discussed.

West Germany offered scholarship for Bahraini doctors for post-graduate medical studies and for higher training in medical specialisation.

Dr Wulfen said West Germany had also offered Bahrain its expertise in the maintenance of the Medical Equipment Centre in Sulmaniyah.

Bank hosts seminar

INVESTCORP, the Bahrain-based International Investment bank, hosted a seminar yesterday at the Hilton Hotel.

Investcorp's executives, shareholders, investors and prominent members of the island's business community attended the one-day seminar, in which various financial and investment issues concerning the Gulf as well as the rest of the world were discussed.

Marwan Hayek, member of the Investcorp Marketing and Regional Investment banking team, said the Gulf region has surplus funds that can be profitably used for investments in the industrial world.

"We are looking for safe and secure investment outlets for our investors in the industrial world," he said.

He said, Investcorp succeeded over the last six years in providing rewarding investment opportunities for its clients.

Professor G. Maynard, Investcorp economic adviser and former consultant to the Bank of England, spoke on the world economic climate. He highlighted the risks involved in investing in marketable securities.

Maynard also outlined the short-term prospects of the American economy in terms of its interest rates, the dollar, the budget and trade deficits.

Other members of the Investcorp Management Committee discussed the bank's corporate acquisitions and real estate activities.

Health ministers to meet Dec 27-29

KUWAIT will host the 26th meeting of the Arab Gulf Health Ministers a few days earlier than scheduled.

The meeting will be held from Dec 27-29.

The agenda includes means to foster co-operation in health services. Participants will include the ministers of health from Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE, Qatar and Iraq.

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GM's '89 models arrive in Kuwait

By Jadranka Porter

GENERAL MOTORS yesterday launched in Kuwait the 1989 Chevrolet Corsica and Beretta which will directly compete in the upper medium segment of the market currently dominated by the Japanese manufacturers.

The two cars launched in the US 18 months ago are expected to become popular in the Middle East which accounts for more than half of GM's exports of 80,000 units, said GM's director

of strategic planning Ray Koenig.

The GM team and their local agent Yusuf Alghanim and Sons hope the two new models will modify GM's image of a luxury car manufacturer, Koenig said.

By the end of 1988 GM will have sold 8,000 cars in Kuwait and sales are expected to go up by 1,000 next year.

Tom Olmsted, GM's director of market development, said a consumer survey in the Gulf showed that car owners look for

safety, attractive styling and reliability in GM cars.

The GM team was in Kuwait last June to review the potential of the new vehicles with the dealers and to size up the competition.

The Corsica and Beretta cars are GM's first entry into the upper medium segment of the market, Olmsted said. "The consumer looks for value for the dollar," he added.

With the dollar plunging lower, the American cars are getting increasingly competitive with the Japanese and European manufactured cars.

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Piano music from the Alps

WELL-KNOWN Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will come to Kuwait next week to give a recital. He is known in the European musical circles as a versatile musician who does not conform to the usual criteria of the musical world.

Bartschi, it is reported, is determined to "redefine the aim of concerts." Critics say Bartschi's music is "spontaneous, communicative and thrilling" and this is reflected in his interpretation of individual pieces of music.

Born in 1950, Bartschi's

repertoire ranges from early Baroque to contemporary music.

He has performed in Switzerland and 25 countries in Europe, America and the Arab world. He broadcasts on radio and appears regularly on television. He has also made several records.

Bartschi has been recognised as the editor of several books on music and is actively involved in organising concerts such as the Zurich Satie-Season and the Ives-Cycle in vital musical centres. In 1980, Bartschi found

ded "Reital", a concert series in Zurich, making it a permanent part of the music scene.

The Swiss pianist has also won several awards. These include Grand Prix du Disque in 1983, given by the Academie de Disque Francaise; in 1987, he was chosen as a master class pianist in Schaffhausen.

At the Kuwait concert Bartschi will present works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Frederic Chopin, Leos Janacek and Cesar Franck. Bartschi will also play two of his own compositions.



Bartschi: versatile

Piano and violin music

GERMAN pianist Mathias Kellig and Hungarian-born violinist Tibor Kovacs will perform at a piano and violin concert at the Kuwait Hilton on Nov 23.

The duo will present excerpts from music by Brahms, Schubert, Beethoven, Niccolò Paganini and Camille Saint-Saens.

Mathias Kellig is well-known for his concert tours, which he

combines with piano courses and lectures. He has also appeared as a conductor-pianist.

Tibor Kovacs, is a graduate of the Music Academy in Bucharest. His repertoire ranges from Bach, Brahms, Vivaldi to Mozart and he plays all sonatas for violin and piano. Tickets for the one-day concert are available at the Reception Desk at Hilton.



Tibor Kovacs (right) with Mathias Kellig.

Farewell to counsellors

THERE was a mini-council of counsellors last Wednesday. But diplomacy was not in the air. Goodbyes were said. Counsellors Ahmed Mokhtar Sellat (Malaysia), Mohsin Ali Khan (Bangladesh) and French First Secretary Gilles P. de la Maisonneuve joined the host

Sri Lankan Counsellor S.B. Atugoda at his home to say farewell to three colleagues — Counsellors Sang Kim (South Korea), Saiyud Noknoy (Thailand) and Atish Sinha (India). Also present was Ahmed Ali Hamad, the head of the South Asia Desk at

Kuwait's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Above: (L-R): Maisonneuve, Noknoy, Kim, Ali Hamad, Sinha, Sellat, Khan and Mrs Mokhtar. Below: (L-R): Mrs Khan, Mrs Noknoy, Mrs Maisonneuve, Atugoda and Mrs Kim.



Madras flight

BRITISH AIRWAYS has introduced a direct flight from Kuwait to Madras. Last week, passengers on the first BA flight to Madras were welcomed by the airline staff and the ladies of the Bharati Kalai Mandaram (B.K.M.). They welcomed passengers in Tamil language and distributed sweets to them.

Right: B.K.M. members with BA Manager Ralph Collins (11th left) and BA staff.



WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Jadu House

SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

THEATRE

British Council

NOV 16 (6 pm), NOV 17 (10.30 am): Button Moon, a children's film featuring the pook Family and their friends, will be shown at the British Council. Children of all nationalities are welcome. Free admission but it is advisable to serve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 53-3204.

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridien Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridien Hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Mathias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Rock the Night

NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Performers include Def Leppard, Joan Jet, Europe, Gary Moore and others. For reservations contact Ken Winston - 5740256/7; Riad - 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapitanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

THEATRE

Brer Rabbit

Nov 12-18: 6.30 pm. Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17/18: Matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

Bolshoi Ballet

NOV 19 (7.30 pm); Nov 20 (8 pm): Bolshoi and Lithuanian dancers will present Soviet ballet at Al Andalus Cinema. Excerpts from Swan Lake, Don Quixote and other well-known semi-classical works will be presented. Tickets will be available from the Andalus box office from Monday.

Upasana

DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

SOCIAL

Navellim Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 240360 after 3.30 pm.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper." For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

SPORTS

PBAK bowling tournament

Registration continues for

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MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Quloob Baidah: Arabic serial, starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marac.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Dars Khussousi: daily Arabic serial, starring: Suad Abdullah
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Believe it or Not
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.45 Eureka
6.00 Islam Wal Insan: historical serial, starring: Omar Hariri,

Zahrat Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala Fakher

7.00 News Summary
7.20 Songs and Music
7.50 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabt
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring: Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman.

10.45 Variety Show featuring well-known Arab writer Abdullah Bin Mohamad Bin Khamis. Presented by Ahmad Abdullah.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: "Computers"
7.00 Steel Riders: Lee and

Mike get proof and identify the criminals.

7.30 Challenge: a look at wildlife in Africa

8.00 News in English

8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Bachelors." A patient falls in love with the doctor

9.30 Hooperman: A man dies in a shootout with police...

10.00 She is the Sheriff: Hildy is involved in monkey business — when a group of monkeys come to town. Starring: Suzanne Somers

10.30 Best-Seller: "The Windmill of the Gods." Based on Sidney Sheldon's best-seller. Starring: Jaclyn Smith, Robert Wagner

11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran/Closedown

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0900 Bands with a beat
0930 Songs and Music
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1005 Songs and Music
1030 Pick of the Pops
1100 Closedown
1330 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 The Young Sound
2130 News
2145 Point of View

2155 Songs and Music
2200 The World of Sports
2215 In the French Mood
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Pop Session Special
2400 Closedown

FM Services

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0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American Hour
1800 Pops

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2300 Easy Listening
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Benazir's train tour

Station-master's nightmare

By Ibrahim Khan

SADIQABAD, Pakistan. (Reuters): It was a station-master's nightmare.

First the Khyber Mail arrived six hours late. Then thousands of people beating drums and waving flags swamped the station.

The cause of the commotion was the arrival of Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

Travelling by train, the 35-year-old politician made life difficult for station masters — from Karachi on the coast to Rawalpindi in the north — as she drew crowds at campaign rallies last week for the Nov 16 general election.

Tens of thousands of supporters of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) mobbed her train at halts along the line, waving her portrait and the party's red, black and green flag.

At Sadiqabad, midway between Karachi and Lahore, supporters swarmed on to carriages, pulled the emergency chain, and refused to let the train go. The guard flagged his green flag angrily and the engine-driver whistled in vain.

Danced

The crowd let off firecrackers, chanted and danced on the platform and refused to climb down from carriage roofs.

Police resorted to mild baton charges to get the train moving again.

Women, who lead sheltered lives in small, rural towns in Pakistan, carried their babies to see Benazir.

Standing at the open carriage door, Benazir urged the crowd to mark the PPP electoral symbol, an arrow, on their polling papers.

"Victory to Benazir," the crowd sang.

Peasants in the green sugarcane and rice fields of Sind and Punjab broke off harvesting to wave. Women in the all-enveloping "burka" veil worn by strict Muslims joined the crowds.

About 150 people travelled on the roof. They were undeterred when the mail switched from diesel to electric near the town of Multan.

Two were killed by a low-hung cable bridge. But the deaths did not diminish the warmth of the welcome from an estimated 30,000 people at Multan.

Inside her air-conditioned carriage, there was little rest for

Benazir as journalists seeking interviews joined the dozen bodyguards and aides travelling with her.

The daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto has been in delicate health since giving birth to her first child on Sept 21. Her son Bilawal stayed at home in Karachi with her husband Asif Zardari.

After more than 24 hours the Khyber Mail reached the Punjab provincial capital Lahore, 1,220 km (760 miles) from Karachi. It was eight hours late, but more than 30,000 PPP supporters waited into the small hours to greet her.

After a break of seven hours and more speeches, Benazir was off again for a second day's whistle-stopping. There were 11 more stops, speeches and cheering crowds before she reached Rawalpindi, somewhat hoarse.

Commitment

Political analysts said the train campaigning, not used in Pakistan since 1964, had underlined the continuing commitment of the PPP's supporters. Some cheerfully waited all night for a chance to hear her speak.

"I am encouraged by your support," she told the crowds. "It is the flood of the people."

The anti-PPP alliance, Benazir's main rival in the polls, says its supporters will carry the day on Nov 16.

Campaigning by this Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) has gathered steam in the last few days, its flag and electoral symbol of a bicycle are visible on cars, walls and lamp-posts, though not in such volume as the PPP party flag.

Contest

No reliable national opinion polls have been published for next week's elections, the first to be contested for 11 years. But the election is widely seen as a straight contest between the PPP and the IDA.

One limited poll conducted in Lahore and published on Tuesday had Benazir's party slightly trailing the anti-PPP alliance, but Benazir herself was most popular choice as prime minister.

Whatever the outcome, she has drawn crowds to her whistle-stop train tours.

Some passengers, however, got fed up with the delays waiting for Benazir, and got off to complete their journey by road. But pickpockets had a field day.

2,400 tons of toxic waste discovered

War-torn Lebanon hit by chemical dumping

By Donna Abu-Nasr

BEIRUT, Lebanon. (AP): Lebanon, ravaged for 13 years by civil war, is the latest Third World country hit by the dumping of chemical waste from Western Europe.

At least 2,400 tons of chemical waste from Italy, which Lebanese officials say was "toxic and dangerous," were discovered last May in the mountains of Kesrouan province in the Christian heartland about 20 miles (32 kms) north of Beirut. An Italian official asserted that the material was not toxic.

The discovery forced the cancellation of another shipment of 30,000 tons of Italian waste destined for Lebanon, justice ministry sources reported.

The affair is one of several that have recently surfaced in

African, Middle Eastern and Latin American countries where Europe has unloaded its industrial waste. Distant countries have been attractive dumping grounds, because of the high economic and political cost of toxic-waste disposal within Europe.

Accused

Lebanon's leftist newspapers and radio stations accused the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia, of allowing the industrial waste to be brought into the country through a port they control in Beirut harbour. The claims said the militia was paid \$10 million to dump the waste.

But Caesar Nasr, head of the Lebanese Forces, Foreign Relations Department, said "what happened was a stupid mistake which resulted from ignorance."

The manifest of the Czech freighter Radost which carried

the waste to the Lebanese Forces' port, known as the Fifth Basin, in October last year listed the cargo as "chemical residue and agricultural products."

Nasr said the militia's "customs officers" at the Fifth Basin "didn't have the scientific background to realise the significance of industrial residue." He blamed "unscrupulous Lebanese merchants" for bringing in the waste, and said the militia later moved the waste back to the Fifth Basin.

Attilio Massimo Iannucci, a first secretary at the Italian embassy in Beirut, said the drums contain solvents, paint and plastics products.

Residue

"It's very dirty because it's the residue of chemical waste ... but it's not toxic, explosive or radioactive," he said in an interview.

However, Joseph Hashem, Lebanon's Health Minister at the time the chemicals arrived, declared that the waste was "poisonous and harmful."

Italian authorities sent a 16-man team of specialists to Lebanon, who spent 50 days repacking the waste into 10,000 new drums and 15 containers brought from Italy.

A ship from Italy was due in Beirut Oct 20 to pick up the waste. But Iannucci said "it was delayed because the necessary formalities have not been completed."

Iannucci said the chemicals were brought to Lebanon after the Jelly Wax Co. of Milan, a paraffin manufacturer that moved into the lucrative chemical waste disposal business, made a deal with a Lebanese company known as Adonis. Lebanese officials said Adonis

was a "fictitious company," apparently a front for the import of the chemicals.

Iannucci said Adonis undertook to destroy the chemicals for a "huge sum of money" to be paid after disposal.

Dump

"Instead, they dumped it in Lebanon and presented an official document claiming it had been disposed of to get the money," Iannucci said. The documents proved to be forged.

Roger Haddad, director of maritime operations with the Nassar Shipping Co., and four other Christian businessmen linked to Adonis were arrested for importing toxic waste in the case and endangering lives. They were later released on bail.

A warrant has also been issued in the affair for Armand Nassar, owner of the shipping company and a relative of Haddad. Nassar

left Lebanon earlier this year.

Toxic waste from Italy has turned up in several countries and the Rome government, embarrassed by the scandals, has said it will ban toxic waste shipments to the Third World.

Another ship carrying 9,000 drums of toxic waste, which Jelly Wax had tried to send to Djibouti, Venezuela and Syria last year, is in Genoa, unable to land its potentially deadly cargo because the Italians refuse to allow it ashore.

The West German freighter Karin B, loaded with 2,100 tons of Italian waste originally dumped in Nigeria, has been wandering the Mediterranean and Atlantic since June seeking somewhere to land its corroding cargo.

It has been refused entry to 10 ports in Britain, France, Spain, West Germany — and Italy.

Baker gets what he wants

By Barry Schweld

WASHINGTON, (AP): Fred Barnes, an astute political analyst, calls James A. Baker "Mr. Smoothie" and describes him in a recent profile in New Republic magazine as America's most overrated man.

Barnes acknowledges that Baker was a capable White House chief of staff and a skillful campaign operative. "But," Barnes says in the liberal publication, "he has mastered the cynical trick of identifying himself with successes and disassociating himself from blunders."

Barnes cited Baker's timing in signing on as chief of George Bush's 1988 campaign just as it was about to surge and avoiding blame for a big tax increase and lack of success in trimming the trade deficit as treasury secretary.

The appellation "Mr. Smoothie" refers to the smooth Texan's careful cultivation of reporters who nearly uniformly give him high marks for judgment. Barnes thinks if Bush, who was managed by his friend Baker, had not dropped out of the 1980 Republican campaign he might have wrested the presidential nomination from Ronald Reagan that year.

Sleaze

All that and current campaign sleaze allegations aside, Baker, if confirmed by the Senate as the 61st secretary of state, will have the advantage of extremely close ties to the president. "He will hit the ground running," said George P. Shultz, who has been in the job for more than six years.

Bush gave Baker a quick start by selecting him more than two months before the new administration takes over. Next Tuesday, Baker is expected to beat the State Department to begin transition discussions and to start learning the job.

His background in foreign policy is limited. He has never been to the Soviet Union or to the Middle East, with the exception of Saudi Arabia. His views on US



President-elect George Bush (left) and James Baker, the man Bush named as his secretary of state. (Reuters wirephoto)

relations with Moscow and on the Israel-Arab dispute are unknown.

His political skills are not. Baker played a key and possibly critical role in 1981 in winning the Senate's approval for the Saudis to purchase advanced radar planes from the United States. Baker offered vague legal assurances that Israel's security would be safeguarded in order to entice a handful of wavering Republicans to the White House's side.

It was one of the few arms sales battles any administration has managed to win over Israel's supporters.

Baker is experienced in international economics, has travelled to 17 countries and regularly attended National Security Council meetings at the White House as Reagan's chief of staff and as treasury secretary.

The skills of persuasion with which he is credited by Barnes and other political observers could be a valuable asset in diplomacy. Personal relations often smooth the way for strategic objectives.

But clearly Baker's biggest asset is his close tie to Bush, who will be in charge of foreign policy. Baker should not have any problems figuring out what the boss has in mind. Nor is he likely to be harassed by the White House or National Security Council.

The three-quarters of a mile (1.2 kms) from the State Department to the White House has seemed a much greater distance to some recent secretaries of state.

At work in their office on the seventh floor, they've sometimes had to wonder what sort of advice the President was getting from the NSC or from White House staffers.

Cyrus Vance frequently clashed over policy with Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Jimmy Carter's security adviser. The disagreement contributed to Vance's decision to resign in April 1980, although the main reason was Carter's attempt to rescue American hostages in Iran through an unworkable military operation.

New rules, new role may help Jackson in 1992

By Walter R. Meers

WASHINGTON, (AP): In the ashes of a lost Democratic presidential campaign, Jesse Jackson heads toward the next one strengthened by new rules and a new role.

Next time, Jackson will begin as the Democrat to beat — which is what somebody almost certainly will do. The odds weigh heavily against the nomination of a black man in 1992, in a party that at times shrank from the word "liberal" during the campaign just ended.

Jackson said he doesn't fear that a liberal can't be elected. "Reaching out, making room, that's liberalism. So the liberal tradition is a proud tradition," he said. "I will not forsake it."

There surely will be ample competition, with Democratic names like Sen Bill Bradley, New York Gov Mario Cuomo, Sen Sam Nunn, Sen Al Gore and Congressman Richard Gephardt. Even as Gov Michael Dukakis conceded his loss to president-elect George Bush his supporters were chanting "ninety-two, ninety-two."

In the wake of the election, the standing Jackson won in 1988 and the rules concessions he gained from Dukakis at the Democratic National Convention will make him more formidable next time.

Jackson says it is much too early to talk about 1992 politics. "I have not yet made that decision, not even given it serious consideration," he said. That at least is the public posture.

But Jackson also said the new political season began on Wednesday, pointing to city elections in 1989, off-year elections in 1990

and congressional reappointment in 1991. "There's a lot to do, a lot of meaningful work, and I intend to be involved, right in the heart of it," said Jackson.

That involvement flows inexorably toward a third quest for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination in 1992. Jackson's voter registration efforts for the Dukakis ticket will pay him dividends, too.

An initial test of his strength in party councils will come early next winter, when the Democratic National Committee elects a new chairman, or extends the tenure of Paul Kirk, who had planned to leave the post but may stay on temporarily for the sake of party peace.

Chairmanship

Ron Brown, a Washington lawyer, Jackson's convention manager and a volunteer adviser to Dukakis, expects to seek the chairmanship. At least four other Democrats are prospective candidates.

While Jackson isn't saying so yet, he will be at work for Brown. Jackson allies were named to about a dozen at-large committee seats as part of a harmony pact with Dukakis at the Democratic Convention in Atlanta. One of the new committeemen: Jesse Jackson Jr.

More important, delegate selection rules have been amended to Jackson's potential advantage in 1992. In a convention peacemaking deal, the Dukakis camp agreed to rules that will award future nominating votes strictly on the basis of proportional representation of the popular vote.

In simplest terms, that reduces the convention clout of office-



Jesse Jackson

holders and party leaders who are not pledged to a candidate in advance, tying the outcome more tightly than ever to the presidential primaries.

In Atlanta, Jackson complained that his delegate strength did not match his percentage of the primary and caucus vote. The new rules will change that — unless the Democratic establishment wants to risk a major battle with the party's premier black leader by trying to smother them again.

In kinder, gentler times, the defeat of a party was considered its titular leader until the next campaign, and Dukakis said Wednesday that he will "provide whatever leadership I can" in the interest of Democratic unity.

But presidential campaigning has become all but permanent, and defeated candidates go off-stage quickly. The new Democratic cast will be auditioning before long.

And Jackson will be looking for a lead role.

Ecuador's jails full of prisoners

By David Brough

QUITO. (Reuters): Filthy and overcrowded, Ecuador's jails are crammed with people who have not been convicted of any crime, according to government and legal officials as well as human rights activists.

Interior Minister Andres Vallejo told a recent news conference the situation was intolerable.

He said the New Social Democratic government of President Rodrigo Borja, who took office in August, would try to reduce the number of people in jail who have not been convicted.

Deputy Interior Minister Luis Felix said in an interview that 70 per cent of Ecuador's prisoners had been charged but not yet tried or sentenced. Many could not afford a lawyer, and all face a lengthy legal process, aggravated by a shortage of judges.

Brutal

Elsie Monge, head of the Ecumenical Commission on Human Rights (CEDHU), said prisoners endured intolerable conditions ranging from inadequate plumbing, to poor diets, to corrupt and sometimes brutal guards.

According to CEDHU, the main independent rights group in Ecuador, prisoners on average waited two-and-a-half years in jail before sentencing, and had no legal safeguards to ensure that they'd be released when they had served their time.

"Some people have no one to help them get out," said Monge. "Many times they (friends and family) have to insist on their release."

Monge cited a case of a man

from Santo Domingo, a central market town, who languished in a Quito jail for three years before he was finally freed. He had been suspected of stealing a pig.

Help

Monge, who helps inmates awaiting trial get legal help, told Reuters that prisons stink from excrement and urine because bathroom facilities cannot serve such overcrowded jails.

She said Garcia Moreno prison in Quito, built last century for 280, houses 1,200 prisoners now. Government and legal officials concur that conditions there are typical of the 30 jails across the country that house around 7,500 inmates.

Monge said prisoners sit around their cells all day, with no recreation or occupational therapy facilities.

Their paltry diets are heavy on carbohydrates and lacking more costly fruit and meat, she said, adding that prisoners depend heavily on their visiting relatives to bring them meals.

Prisoners have rioted occasionally to protest about their conditions but little has changed.

Funds

Ivan Martinez, president of the Superior Court of Quito, said in an interview there were severe economic restraints on efforts to improve prison conditions and accelerate the judicial process.

Martinez said the supreme court would request more funds from Congress in the 1989 budget to hire more judges and would seek legal reforms to speed up the process. But economic conditions made a rapid improvement unlikely.

Success of religious parties stuns majority of Israelis

By Bernard Edinger

TEL AVIV. (Reuters): When Israelis voted in last week's general election few expected that their future might hinge on two elderly rabbis, the younger of whom is 86 and has never set foot in Israel.

During the campaign many Israelis sneered in disbelief when religious leaders, some dressed like oriental potentates, dispensed mumbled blessings or curses on television to gain votes for ultra-orthodox Jewish religious parties.

The laughing stopped when 18 out of 120 Knesset (parliament) seats went to religious factions, 50 per cent more than previously. In the three of the four religious parties decisions are taken by elderly spiritual mentors who share everyday politics but are regularly consulted by party members of parliament.

Backing

As a result Israel's next government may depend on which major party gets the backing of rabbi Eliezer Shach, 92, or his rival, rabbi Menachem Schneerson, 86, respective mentors of the Degel Hatorah and Agudat Yisrael parties.

Schneerson, head of the Lubavitch Hassidic sect, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and has never set foot in Israel.

His supporters cite complex Biblical reasons for his refusal to come to the holy land. Critics say he opposes the existence of a Jewish state before the coming of the messiah.

"It's the end of Zionism," said Chaim Margalit, a veteran Kibbutz (collective settlement) member, stunned like most of the country's secular majority by the

election results. An opinion poll showed 60 per cent of Israelis were worried at the strengthening of the religious groups, fearing they would try to impose their stern precepts on the country at large.

Women's groups picketed President Chaim Herzog's office, fearful that their rights might be curbed under pressure from bearded, black-coated fundamentalists.

Neither the left-wing Labour Party nor right-wing Likud, which got the most votes, won a Knesset majority in the Nov 1 election, even with the support of allied smaller parties.

The two main blocs emerged roughly equal and both major parties are bargaining with religious groups to form a cabinet. Experts believe Likud has the better chance.

The religious parties' 18 seats, won thanks to unprecedented mobilisation of followers, many of whom had never voted before, have given the religious lobby formidable bargaining strength as the main power brokers in the new parliament.

Ban

They are expected to press for a ban on public travel and entertainment on the Sabbath and strict adherence to orthodox religious codes on births, marriages and divorce.

"The rabbis are veritable cult leaders who decide who their followers shall marry and where they shall reside. In Israel they live in separate enclaves, 18th century societies totally divorced from the country's mainstream," says Tel Aviv university history professor Eli Barnavi.

Sociology professor Peter Medding of occupied Jerusalem's Hebrew University

believes secularists are over-reacting and says it is unlikely the ultra-orthodox will seek to change the face of Israeli society. "They realise how far they can go," he said.

But Adi Tal, a recently retired woman Air Force major, was not convinced. "They will try salami tactics: piece by piece. When they try to touch my personal freedoms, I'll go down to the streets to demonstrate," she said.

By Paul Majendle

DUBLIN. (Reuters): Almost 200 people have died violently in Northern Ireland since Britain and Ireland signed an accord three years ago that sought to break the cycle of murders in the British province.

The Dublin and London governments tried to solve one of history's most complicated equations — one million Protestants swearing undying loyalty to Britain and 500,000 Catholics avowing Irish nationalism.

The accord, aimed at isolating Irish Republican Army (IRA)

guerrillas who are battling to oust Britain from the north, involved Dublin for the first time in the daily running of the north in everything from cross-border security to law reforms.

With both governments now embarked on an extensive review of the workings of the agreement, just how successful has it been in healing the wounds on an island partitioned by Britain in 1921?

"Anglo-Irish relations are in good shape," British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said last week on his first visit to Ireland in three years.

Irish Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan and Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Tom King met regularly under the terms of the agreement and Howe said: "It was never a magic formula but there has been much useful progress."

What then did Lenihan think about the island neighbours who are so closely interlinked but also so often at loggerheads?

"Security co-operation has never been more excellent but that is not enough," he replied.

Conflict

In one of the 20th century's longest-running guerrilla conflicts, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rates defeat for the IRA as a top priority.

Thatcher, who narrowly escaped death when an IRA bomb killed five people at a British Conservative Party conference in 1984, says of the IRA: "They should be wiped off the face of the civilised world. They must never win. Never."

Last year, Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey launched the biggest search for IRA arms in the history of the Irish state amid fears that the guerrilla group had even smuggled in ground-to-air missiles.

But his government has clashed with Britain over the past year in a string of security rows over extradition and the administration of justice both in main-

land Britain and in Northern Ireland.

The Dublin government argues that an essential aim of the Anglo-Irish accord, signed on Nov 15, 1985, was to boost the confidence of Irish nationalists in Northern Ireland's system of justice.

It has pushed — so far unsuccessfully — for the abolition of the north's one-judge, no-jury courts.

Lenihan argued that Dublin has an ideal model — the anti-terrorist special criminal court which was set up in 1971 with a panel of three judges and no jury. "In our experience, the system has worked very well," he said.

Britain and Ireland are often locked in legal combat over extradition cases and Lenihan is now pushing for both sides to make more use of a 1976 act which allows people accused of crimes in either jurisdiction to be tried in the jurisdiction where they are arrested.

Lenihan said: "It's a question of getting across the fact that extradition and the 1976 act can travel together in parallel or in tandem."

Sellout

But Howe was more cautious, saying: "It is not a substitute for extradition. It may be a more fruitful alternative in some circumstances but not a substitute."

Both governments are now taking a long, hard look at the workings of the agreement to see how it can be improved but there is one major voice missing from the consultations.

Unionists politicians representing the north's Protestant majority were enraged by the signing of the accord.

Unionists, condemning it as a British government sellout on the road to unification with the Irish Republic, launched furious street protests against the accord.

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A totally female problem related to the hormone oestrogen

Women unite and fight cellulite

By Esmeralda Angel

If you are a woman — fat or thin — there is more than an 80 per cent chance that you have it. If you are a cosmetics manufacturer there is even more of a chance that you are spending millions researching it — and making millions more selling a remedy to women to treat it. So what is it? It is the dreadful cellulite.

Cellulite is nasty deposits of fatty matter on the hips and thighs — not wonderful if you want to wear a bikini or pair of shorts.

A doctor might suggest that if you eat less the fat will go away. But cellulite is not ordinary fat, and reducing your intake of food will make little or no difference to it. A serious problem is that most doctors don't accept that it does cause a lot of worry to women who suffer badly from it.

Problem

But how and why cellulite occurs, even in thin women, is now more clearly understood. It occurs mainly on the hips and thighs, although it can appear on the upper arms and occasionally across the upper back.

You can recognise it by picking up a fold of skin on the thigh and examining it carefully. If it puckers, ripples or looks vaguely like the dimpled skin of an orange, that is it — cellulite.

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A French doctor, Pierre Durkan, one of a growing number of European doctors who have accepted that cellulite is a problem and are prepared to do something about it, has made extensive studies and found that 12 per cent of cases of cellulite begins at puberty, 19 per cent when a woman first takes the contraceptive pill, 17 per cent during pregnancy, and 27 per cent during menopause.

It is a totally female problem. Men never suffer from it, regardless of how overweight they are. This is because it is directly related to the female hormone oestrogen.

As the figures show, 75 per cent of cases of cellulite occur when there is increased hormonal activity, particularly when large quantities of oestrogen plays a large part in controlling fluid retention in the

female body, the crux of the cellulite problem. It is the result of fat, wastes and water being trapped under the surface by a series of "collagen fibre bundles".

A bad diet and lack of exercise leads to poor circulation which clogs up the body and prevents the natural drainage system, the lymphatic glands, from doing its work. Waste fluids, instead of being passed out, remain stagnant, surrounded by fibres which harden with time. These bundles of fibres give cellulite its bumpy appearance on the surface of the skin and the stagnant gel-like waste which sometimes gives cellulite a dead feeling when you touch it.

Unlike ordinary fat, which can disappear with dieting, cellulite is sealed into a kind of cocoon and dieting has very little effect upon it.

Certain types of exercise do help to remove it, especially if they are combined with other types of treatment. Slow rhythmic exercises like swimming, cycling or walking are good, but any exercise which jolts the area, like jogging, can aggravate the condition.

The prevention of cellulite — and the cure if you already have it — begins on the inside. Some foods and drinks provide little nutrition and leave a lot of waste which the system finds hard to cope with. These include refined sugar and carbohydrates, alcohol, coffee, salt and over-processed and pre-cooked foods.

Recipe

Plenty of fruit and vegetables are the recipe for a cellulite-free body, particularly if you eat lots of wholegrain breads and pasta, brown rice, muesli, porridge and other wholegrain cereals. And drink plenty of water if you regularly eat bran as it needs a lot of fluid to increase in bulk once it is inside you.

Anything that restricts the flow of blood to the lower part of the body can cause cellulite. This is why diet is so important, because constipation is the last thing a woman with a tendency to cellulite needs.

Bad posture is another big cause of the problem as slouching can congest the lower part of the body and cause erratic circulation.

A job that keeps you standing for hours or crouched over a typewriter has the same effect as bad posture. Both of these are liable to cause the buttock and thigh muscles to become weak, flabby and prone to cellulite, if you do not take regular exercise. And exercise not only tones up the muscles, it improves the breathing, another of the natural ways the body has of eliminating waste.

Breathing deeply and properly and filling the lungs is not difficult, it just requires a little more effort than usual. And it does clear the system of substances that can cause "internal pollution".

Stress

Stress is another factor contributing to cellulite. A woman who is very tense can unknowingly put her system into a spasm. On the outside the forehead is wrinkled, the posture tense and there is the feeling of a headache coming on.

The picture on the inside is similar, with everything tightened up and circulation restricted. Glands cannot function properly when there are restrictions.

Changing diet and exercise habits makes a big difference to the cellulite problem, but there are other measures that can speed up the process: massage, hydrotherapy, saunas and creams.

Massage should be done by a professional to be really effective as only a real professional knows how to break down those pockets of fat and allow the waste matters to escape and be eliminated. But self-massage

can cause more problems than it cures: bruising, broken veins, and it can inflame the tissue and make the cellulite problem even worse. A beauty therapist or physiotherapist trained in corrective tissue massage is the best answer.

Hydrotherapy can be done at home if you have a shower with a good strong jet of water. All you have to do is shower yourself in the normal way, but finish by turning the taps up full, keeping the water at a warm temperature, and direct the jet at the problem areas, moving it up and down rhythmically. Keep this up for five minutes on each side of the body every time you shower.

A sauna is another good way of clearing out the system, though it does not induce weight-loss as many people believe. By gradually heating the body until it is perspiring freely, plunging into a cold shower, and then back into the heat — alternating hot and cold about three times — eliminates much waste through the pores. People weigh less after a sauna because of all the moisture lost, but this is replaced quickly with the first drink. The difference is that the water lost contained pollutants and should be replaced with fresh, clear water.

A weekly sauna is a great addition to any anti-cellulite programme. Wear nothing, if possible, so that the maximum amount of skin is exposed, but avoid a sauna if you are feeling in any way ill or if you are over-tired.

People who suffer from any heart disorder or breathing problem should consult a doctor before trying a sauna.

Creams for the treatment of cellulite work in two ways. They contain enzymes which dissolve the gel-like mixture of



Cellulite is the result of fat, wastes and water being trapped under the surface by a series of collagen fibre bundles. A combination of diet and exercise help remove it.

fat, water and wastes held under the skin and a mild diuretic to draw out the water from the tissues.

They are usually based on plant and herb extracts which help to stimulate circulation and restart sluggish cellular exchange and waste removal.

Tests have shown that the creams do work if applied at least once a day. Some of them

have to be used with a special massage glove, but others are simply rubbed in like ordinary body lotion.

After two weeks of using the creams continuously there should be a distinct and noticeable improvement. The skin should look smoother, more supple and better toned. After four weeks' use there should be a difference in the

actual shape of the hips and thighs.

But before you try all remedies, including the anti-cellulite creams, take the real test: measure your hips and thighs before you start.

A month later you should know that you have made it. You have started to win the fight against cellulite — or you have cheated!

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Camelot fairy tale ended on November 22, 1963

Jackie: writing her own happy ending

A quarter-century after her husband John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and a dozen years after she was widowed once again, Jackie Kennedy Onassis has settled into a life-style of quiet elegance and privacy.

By Jerry Schwartz

NEW YORK (AP): In fairy tales, the beautiful princess marries the handsome prince and they live happily ever after. But Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis' fairy tale short-circuited on a warm day in Dallas when her prince's blood. In the ensuing 25 years, she has had to write her own happy ending.

The plot twists she has chosen have not been popular with the adoring multitudes who would have preferred that she remain the national widow. Her 1968 marriage to Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis engendered outrage, and her penchant for privacy has bred some resentment.

But once a year, she kneels alone at Arlington National Cemetery. And once again she becomes the stoic, black-veiled

widow who stood at that spot in November 1963 to bury her husband, President John F. Kennedy.

"One must not let oneself be overwhelmed by sadness," she once said.

It is important to remember what Jackie Kennedy was to America and to the world. She was the glamorous, whispery-voiced brunette whose appearance caused as much commotion as her husband's—so much so that he laughingly introduced himself as Jackie's escort.

She was the fashion plate whose designer dresses, pillbox hats and white gloves spurred the fashion industry as much as her hatless husband wounded the fedora trade.

"We are on the threshold of a new American elegance thanks to Mrs. Kennedy's beauty, naturalness, understatement, exposure and symbolism," said



Stepping out in style: the glamorous brunette whose appearances caused as much commotion as her husband's.

Oleg Cassini, her official designer.

She was the young hostess of a televised tour of the White House, the graduate of Miss Porter's School and vassar who said her prime responsibility was to "take care of the president so he can best serve the people." She was 36 years old when JFK died, a striking contrast to her matronly predecessors, Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower.

Most of all, she was Mistress of Camelot.

Founded She forfeited that title when she married Onassis, the aging Greek who seemed the antithesis of the elegant Kennedy. Many said she was a gold-digger; she never explained the marriage publicly, never responded to such headlines as "Jackie: how could you?"

"She, by surviving and being with him (JFK) when he died, so dramatically, became a legend in her own lifetime," said a friend, Paul Mathias. "And she cannot live up to it



Jackie with her son John Kennedy Jr.: one must not let oneself be overwhelmed by sadness, she says.

because no human being could."

The marriage foundered quickly, and Ari and Jackie lived separate lives. When he died in 1975, he left her \$120,000 in his will; she won a \$26 million settlement from the Onassis family.

At the same time, stories about JFK's escapades while he was president began to spread—stories about alleged liaisons with Marilyn Monroe and the mistress of mobster Sam Giancana. And others suggested that JFK's most lasting legacy was the war in Vietnam.

Camelot wasn't what it used to be.

With her millions, Jackie Onassis could have done absolutely nothing, enjoying her 14-room apartment in New York, her estate in Bernardsville, New Jersey, and the ocean-front compound on Martha's Vineyard while raising her two children, Caroline and John Jr.

Instead, she entered the job force in 1978 as an editor for Doubleday and Co. She works

there 3-1/2 days a week—producing ideas and acquiring books from authors and agents, then guiding the writing of manuscripts.

Her primary publishing interests are art and entertainment, never politics. Her best-sellers have included Michael Jackson's autobiography Moonwalk and ballerina Gelsey Kirkland's Dancing on my Grave.

"I think people who work themselves have respect for the work of others," she has said.

Her salary, reportedly \$40,000—50,000 a year, is a pittance of her net worth—estimated at around \$50 million, plus \$200,000 a year from a trust fund bequeathed by Kennedy.

She has made some public appearances in recent years. She has supported efforts to save city landmarks like Grand Central Terminal, attending news conferences but saying little and slipping out through freight entrances.

On her infrequent appearances at social galas, she often dons the designs of Carolina Herrera. Her date is usually longtime friend Maurice Tempelsman, 58, a Belgian-born diamond dealer and international businessman.

On autumn weekends, Mrs. Onassis sometimes rides with the Essex hunt club, near her Bernardsville estate. She often is among the spectators at the annual steeplechase in nearby Peapack; she does not mingle with the locals.

She has been seen sailing and waterskiing off Martha's Vineyard with Tempelsman, but often eludes the public eye camouflaged in a scarf and sunglasses. Her island house is at the end of a 2,000-foot (610-metre) driveway.

The signs out front say "No trespassing."

Mrs. Onassis' battles with paparazzi are legendary. She repeatedly went to court to thwart the attentions of photographer Ron Galella, first obtaining a court order barring Galella from coming within 30 feet (9 metres) of her or her children, then going to



Jackie dressed for an evening out in the town and (inset) with first husband John F. Kennedy.

court to enforce that order.

She declines all interviews, according to her spokeswoman, Nancy Tuckerman. She would not speak on the 20th anniversary of the assassination; she will not speak on the quarter-century anniversary.

But occasionally, New Yorkers catch glimpses. One newspaper recently showed Jackie, a still youthful-looking grandmother, crossing a street while

engrossed in a book, oblivious to the photographer. Even celebrity-immune New Yorkers stare when they spot her jogging in Central Park or shopping on Madison Avenue.

"You have two compartments. Your private and your public life," she once explained. "I think I'm more of a private person. I don't really like to call attention to anything."

Twenty-five years after the assassination, after Jackie's fall

from grace with a Greek, after revelations about the Kennedy era and after her determined efforts to maintain her privacy, a poll asked Americans to list their most admired first ladies.

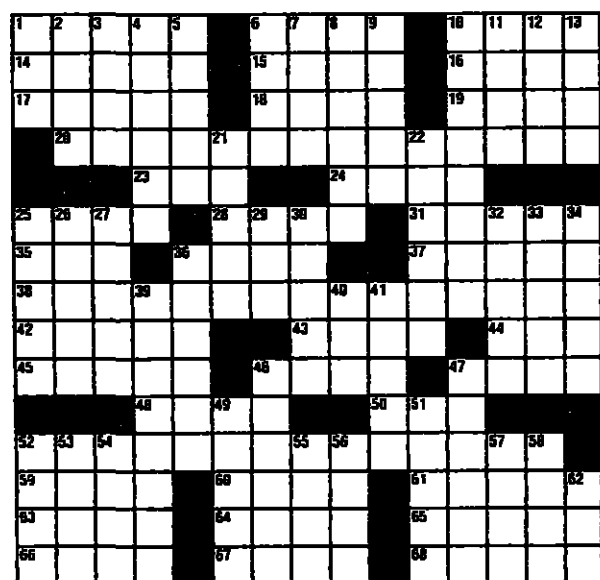
First was Eleanor Roosevelt, the most active of all president's wives. Second was Nancy Reagan, whose anti-drug campaign was the stuff of current headlines.

And third was Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis.



The Kennedys on inauguration day, Jan. 1961.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠QJ6 ♥A108 ♦6 ♣AKJ1095

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—For his vulnerable overcall at the two-level, North must have a good suit and a good hand—at least the equivalent of an opening bid. Both minor suits are potential sources of tricks, so we would gamble out three no trump. Two no trump or three clubs wins the buck-passer of the year award.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠83 ♥K6 ♦AJ85 ♣AK1063

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Resist bidding three no trump. Had no trump appealed to partner as a resting spot, he could either have bid it or have shown a stopper by bidding three hearts. Since you have at least an eight-card fit in spades and ruffing value, you should raise to four spades.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—You have a very good hand, but you can't jump shift because of your potential misfit. For the moment, bid two diamonds to see how partner reacts.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—If partner has a fit for one of your suits, or a good suit of his own, you might still have a slam. If the hand is a misfit, three no trump might be your limit. So don't bypass that by jumping. Three clubs, which shows a good hand, is adequate at this stage.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠7 ♥AJ9 ♦KQ1063 ♣AK65

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's bidding has shown minimum hand with six spades and four hearts. Under the circumstances, you should give up all thoughts of slam and settle for three no trump. Four spades is an alternative, but if partner has good spades, he can correct.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

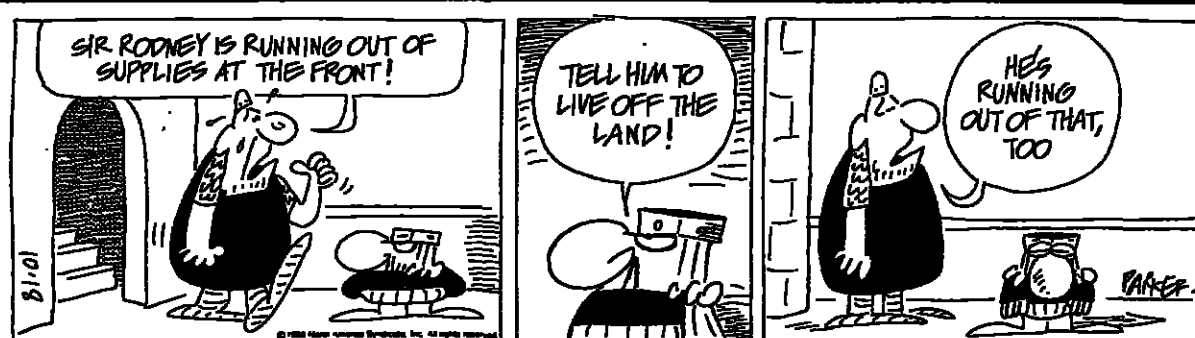
♠QJ7 ♥KQJ8 ♦Q1062 ♣76

Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A.—When responding to partner's opening on a hand good enough for more than one bid, show your four-card suits up-the-line. Therefore, your correct response is one diamond. If partner has four hearts, he will introduce the suit; if he does not rebid in hearts, you can afford to suppress that suit in favor of no trump, because you know that no 4-4 fit exists.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be rather more irritable so try to keep out of harm's way. Do your best to avoid making a problem worse. Do not attempt to do more than you have time for. Be observant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's more favorable influence will help you to keep out of trouble. You will be able to have some personal success but you must work for it. Do not believe all or even most of what you hear. Be reliable.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should concentrate on dealing with a personal problem today. You should not undertake other people's intelligence. You will be able to do something much to your liking. Be considerate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

This is going to be one of those days for you. You should make sure you do not do anything that might be injurious to your health. Take regular exercise but do not become fanatic about it. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be able to clear up a certain amount of confusion. Something you had hoped for will indeed happen but not quite the way you would have liked. Do not expect to have all things your own way. Be flexible.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

The prospects are good only you will have to make sure you do not lose interest in what you are doing. You will be able to do something to help a friend and should do so. Avoid eating or drinking more than you know you should. Be polite.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Venus' better influence will help you to maintain harmony with your partner. However, the Moon's less favorable influence will not help you to solve a problem. Make sure you do not give away a secret. Be sensible.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

The Sun's good influence will help you to resolve what had been a sticky problem. An offer or proposal should be considered most carefully. Try to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be patient.



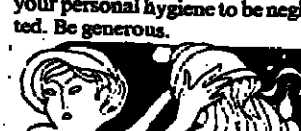
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should pay a little more attention to your health, make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. You should not think of work today, instead deal with a personal matter. Make sure you have got your sums right.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Saturn and Neptune will help you to dispel negative thoughts. You should try not to be quite so selfish. Do not allow your personal hygiene to be neglected. Be generous.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should do your best not to get into any sort of argument. You should do all you can to avoid heavy expenditure. Make sure you do not disobey any traffic lights. Be moderate.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to pacify two friends who have had an argument. You are more liable to get lost so take great care to check your whereabouts. You would do well to make a few concessions. Be courteous.

SNIPPETS

Swimmers complain of shabby treatment at Olympics

OLYMPIAN Rene and Leo Concepcion assailed the "shabby" treatment they got from sports officials during the recent Seoul Olympics.

The Concepcion brothers, who hold five national swimming records between them, three of which they set in the Olympics, spoke of their sad experiences in Seoul during the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Pasig at the Valle Verde Country Club.

"While the athletes from other countries had their countrymen cheering for them, not even a single official watched us nor gave us a pep talk," the 19-year-old Rene said.

Rene also claimed that Mauricio Martelino, Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) secretary-general and Olympic team administrative officer, even shouted at the athletes during breaks in the competition.

"During the opening parade, we were given uniforms with the wrong sizes. Swimmer Akiko Thomson was given a pair of shoes with the wrong size, so much so that she got blisters on both feet the next day," added Leo, elder of the two brothers who are students at the University of California in Berkeley.

Libyan banks grant remittance rights to Filipino medics

LIBYAN banks resumed granting Filipino workers the privilege to remit 50 per cent of their basic salaries to their beneficiaries in the Philippines.

This was learned from a telex message by the Philippine embassy in Tripoli to the POEA. Due to threats by Libyan medical doctors to resign and return to the Philippines, the Libyan government gave in to their demand and continued granting 50 per cent remittable salary allotments, the POEA said.

Libya is among the top 10 countries importing Filipino manpower, mostly medical and paramedical workers.

'Filipina' causes tempest in teapot

MANILA, Nov 12. (AP): President Corason Aquino and others are up in arms here over a rumoured entry in the latest Oxford unabridged dictionary defining "Filipina" as "a domestic." But publishers say no such entry exists.

The uproar began yesterday when a Filipino businessmen's association adopted a resolution at their annual convention protesting the alleged new definition for "Filipina," which normally refers to Filipino females.

Offended Mrs Aquino also told reporters she also felt offended that publishers of the prestigious dictionary would include such a "demeaning term" for Filipino womanhood.

"I strongly object to that and we will ask the Department of Foreign Affairs to make known our objection to the definition of 'Filipina,'" she said.

"We also respect these domestic, but... 'Filipina' embraces all of us women in the Philippines. So I think a more accurate definition is definitely called for," she said.

Jejomar Binay, mayor of the Manila suburb of Makati, told the Manila Times newspaper that he would ban the sale of Oxford dictionaries in Makati bookstores and order municipal government offices not to purchase them.

Gabriela, a feminist group, said it was also preparing formal protests to be lodged with the United Nations Commission on Women and other international women's rights group.

None But in London, officials at the Oxford University Press said they could find no such definition for Filipina in any of their dictionaries.

There was no explanation from the business groups or other critics here about where they heard of the rumoured entry.

Hundreds of thousands of Filipino women work as maids in East Asia, the Middle East, Western Europe and North America.

Optimism over future trade ties between Philippines and Iraq

More jobs for Filipinos in Iraq

By E.T. Suarez

OFFICIALS of the Iraqi government are optimistic about expanded ties between Iraq and the Philippines, including more jobs for Filipinos once Iraq's reconstruction programme is launched, Labour Secretary Franklin M. Drilon reported recently.

In a telex message to the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) from Baghdad, Drilon said Iraqi officials spoke of improved trade and other relationships between the two countries in separate talks with the Philippine delegation who called on them in the course of a two-day good-will mission.

Drilon delivered a personal letter from President Aquino to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein through First Deputy Prime

Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, who is among Iraqi officials who see great promise in the relations between the two countries.

He said the Iraqi officials include Labour and Social Affairs Minister Bakir Rasoul. Rasoul, Drilon said, hopes that the Philippines will be able to participate in the reconstruction programme now that its war with Iran is over. There were about 35,000 Filipino workers employed in various projects in Iraq before the war, Drilon said.

Rasoul told Drilon that despite the war, quite a number of Filipino workers remained in Iraq and continued to contribute to its development. He said the presence of those workers helped cement the relations between the two countries.

Drilon, who was accompanied by Ambassador Akamad Sakam during the courtesy calls he made

on various officials in Iraq, said the Philippines also looked forward to participating in Iraqi development.

In her message to President Hussein, President Aquino thanked Iraq for the "understanding that your government has manifested during the last Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Amman, Jordan, with respect to our domestic problem in Southern Philippines involving our Filipino Muslim communities."

Hope "I have consistently regarded the situation of our Muslim brothers in Southern Philippines with a keen desire to speed up their socio-economic and cultural development as an integral part of the Filipino nation," President Aquino also told Hussein.

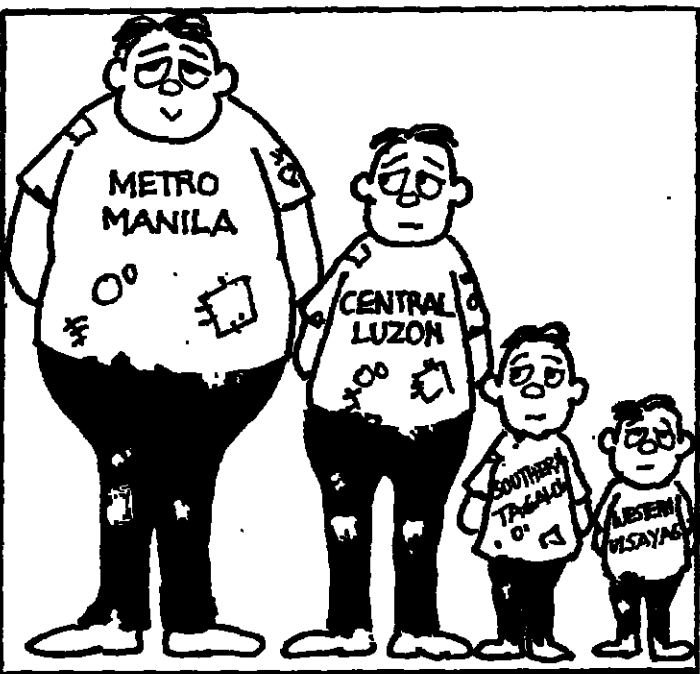
"It is my fervent hope to fur-

ther strengthen the friendly relations and goodwill which already exist between our two countries," Mrs Aquino also said.

President Aquino congratulated President Hussein for his country's commitment "to the cause of peace exemplified by your adherence to the United Nations peace initiatives geared toward attaining peace in the region."

Drilon, the first member of the Aquino Cabinet to make an official goodwill visit to Iraq, also thanked Rasoul for the release of some Filipino workers involved in certain crimes.

He is scheduled to make an official goodwill visit to Jordan after his visit to Iraq. Among other Iraqi officials he called on were Trade Minister Mohammad Medhi Saleh and Housing and Reconstruction Minister Tahir Massoum.



Unemployment on the rise again

MANILA—The nation's bleak employment situation which showed signs of improvement at the start of the year again took a more dismal hue at the end of the first semester, according to the National Statistics Office.

Barring results of its latest survey, NCO reports a national unemployment rate of 13.4 per cent compared to 9.1 per cent last January but a mile lower than the 14.2 per cent recorded after the first six months of 1987.

In terms of persons, today's jobless count at 3.274 million as against the 2.080 of January or an addition of 1.194 million to its ranks.

Those with jobs increased by 329,000 or from 20.827 million to 21.156 million, NCO adds.

The additions to ranks of both the employed and jobless are

cent; Cagayan Valley, 8.9 per cent, and Eastern Visayas, 9.2 per cent.

Exception of the four areas from the double-digit unemployment rate saddling the rest of the regions indicates a local economic pickup and progress of government efforts at generating job opportunities, NCO suggests.

The survey classifies the employed as follows: 9.344 million as wage and salary workers, 7.960 million as own account workers, and 3.854 million as unpaid family workers.

Own account workers are those engaged in small and medium scale business enterprises including retail vending and operating repair shops while unpaid family workers are those mostly in farming their own

21.6 per cent unemployment rate in Metro Manila
Majority of the unemployed are young

explained by NCO as due to the national labour force increasing to 24.430 million from January's 22.907 million. Making up the labour force are citizens 15 years and above.

Four regions are tagged by the survey as suffering unemployment rates higher than the national average of 13.4 per cent. They are Metro Manila with a 21.6 per cent rate, highest in the entire country; Central Luzon, 19.1 per cent; Southern Tagalog, 15.1 per cent, and Western Visayas, 14.1 per cent.

Metro Manila, Southern Tagalog and Central Luzon are the three top densely populated regions of the nation, while Western Visayas is still to recover from collapse of its economic mainstay — the sugar industry.

On the bright side, NCO identifies three regions and a subregion which are enjoying single-digit unemployment rates — Central Visayas, 7.3 per cent; Cordillera subregion, 7.8 per

plots. The agriculture sector continues to be the main job source of majority of those employed. NCO places 46.6 per cent of the total employed in agriculture followed by those in production, transport and plain labourers who comprise 21.1 per cent.

Majority of the unemployed are young, belonging to the 15-24-years-old bracket, according to NCO which also divides the 3.274 million jobless into 1.775 million males and 1.499 million females.

In the case of the 21.156 million employed, the males predominate at 13.577 million with only 7.579 million females.

NCO adds that employed rural-based workers numbered 13.667 million while their urban counterparts at 7.489 million. Most of the jobless at 1.654 million are in the rural areas while those in the cities counted at 1.620 million.



Rico J. Puno: entertainer



Lourna Pal: upcoming recording star

Sounds great!

AS A curtain-raiser to the Rico J. Puno — Lourna Pal concert, Mabuhay Restaurant is holding a "Rico Puno sound-alike singing contest" on Sunday, November 13 at 7.00 pm.

Puno himself, will be present at the restaurant to hear his would-be imitators along with Lourna Pal.

Contest Registration forms are available at the restaurant. The winner will receive a brand new Minolta Camera.

Rico Puno and Lourna Pal will be performing at the Al-Andalus theatre on November 17 and 18.

Miriam: suffering from over-exposure

IMMIGRATION Commissioner Miriam Defensor-Santiago says she has a very serious problem: she can no longer put a stop to her "over-exposure" in media.

In one of her light moments, Santiago confided to reporters how hard she's been trying to control the amount of publicity she's been getting both in print and broadcast media.

She admitted seeking publicity for her reforms at the CID during the first three months after she assumed office, saying the public, including the syndicates, had to be told that "I really mean business."

"We planned that already. I told the other commissioners that the media will get tired of us after this time frame. At least,



Santiago: has a serious problem

600 mail items pilfered daily

MAIL pilferage will remain a big headache for the Bureau of Posts unless problems of low salaries and lack of personnel are solved, former Postmaster General Angelito Banayao said in an interview recently.

He confirmed the fears of National Bureau of Investigation officials that an average of 600 mail matters are being pilfered daily.

Banayao pointed out that although the Bureau of Posts had registered an income improvement of about 25 per cent, reaching the P859 million mark in 1987, there was no corresponding increase in personnel and salaries.

He said rank-and-file postal employees get an average of P1,500 monthly, "very much

lower than those of their counterparts in other developing and developed countries."

Banayao also noted that given the daily volume of mail matters (2 million) being handled daily, postal workers are overworked.

"More mailmen and mail sorters are needed to adequately cope with the number of mails the postal system has to work on daily," he said.

He also suggested the "beefing up" of the bureau's legal department, "considering that the post office is not immune to legal suits arising from cases of tampered mails."

Postmaster General Tagumpay Jardiniano recently announced a government plan to transform the Bureau of Posts into a government corporation.

Marcos lashes out at media

OUSTED Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos accused the media of ignoring evidence and depriving him of a fair trial on racketeering charges.

They have "declared President Marcos guilty of several crimes against them," he said in a statement issued through an aide.

"Whatever happened to the time-honoured maxim that anyone is presumed innocent unless proven otherwise?" Marcos has refused to speak to the press since he and his wife, Imelda, were indicted on Oct 21 in New York.

Before the indictments, Marcos often was accessible to the media, even inviting reporters and television crews into his



Marcos: points an accusing finger at the media who he says are depriving him of a fair trial on racketeering charges

home to hear him refute various allegations.

Defence lawyers advised him not to talk after the indictments were handed down, and he issued only a brief statement declaring he would be vindicated.

Marcos said the US General Accounting Office in 1986 cleared him of accusations that he plundered his country or that he illegally used US military or humanitarian aid for his own benefit. Before he was ousted, the Philippine Congress investigated the same allegations and declared him "innocent," he

said.

Defence lawyers claimed the 71-year-old Marcos was too frail to make the 10-hour trip to New York to plead innocent and his arraignment was postponed pending a report from a US government physician who examined him on Monday.

However, Mrs Marcos, 59, pleaded innocent in Manhattan last Monday. Hundreds of journalists crowded around as she made her way into the Federal court, apparently oblivious to the insults of protesters. An aide said that Marcos was upset by his wife's treatment.

Imelda's contribution to dictionary

Call me 'imeldific'

NEW YORK: The Philippines' former First Lady, Mrs Imelda Marcos, has coined a word — "imeldific" which she hopes to be included in the dictionary one day to mean "ostentatious extravagance."

"I was a beauty-contest winner. I became first lady. Everything about me is ostentatious," she told the New York Post in an interview.

"I was born ostentatious. They will list my name in the dictionary someday. They will use 'imeldific' to mean ostentatious extravagance."

Mrs Marcos was asked if she thought she looked ostentatious when she wore to a New York court a regal, full length gown with traditional Philippine butterfly sleeves. She was hailed to court for arraignment on a racketeering charge where she, husband Ferdinand strongman, and several others, had been indicted.

She told the newspaper she wore the dress "to send the world a message that I am a patriot and proud to be a Filipino, that I hold

my head high even at this moment of trial."

"This is a no-lose case," Mrs Marcos told the Post of her case. "But if I do not win, I do not believe I will be sentenced to years in jail in America. I will be sent home to be jailed in the hearts of the Filipino people."

She said her husband "was flabbergasted by the \$5-million bail" recommended for her provisional liberty by Judge John Keenan. "I told him (Ferdinand) when I came back from court. Am I not enough bail? Is not my presence enough? It's like the government told us, 'Commit suicide or we'll kill you'."

She also complained bitterly about the treatment her family has received since arriving in Hawaii in 1986, saying the phones at their home are tapped and "we are suffering continual vigilance."

"Life for the president and me is worse than the Gulag of Solzhnitzen," she said. "Our beautiful Hawaiian island is for us worse than Alcatraz."

Second rehearsals for Songfest '88

SECOND rehearsals for the Filipino Songfest '88 will be held on Friday 18th November at the Federation of Trade Union's hall, Maian Hawaii at 4.00 pm, says Buddy Patuigan, chairman Songfest '88. All contestants are requested to attend the songfest organised by KAPILKU.

The songfest will be held on 25th November at the same venue.

Tickets are available at the Philippine Embassy, Mabuhay Restaurant, Kabayan Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Ambassador Stores, Philippine gift shop and Al Muhaini Corporation freight forwarders.

Bogus plane tickets confiscated

ZAMBOANGA CITY — Philippine Airlines (PAL) office personnel here have confiscated about P40,000 worth of plane tickets bearing fictitious names.

Why Marcos should stand trial in Manila

By Prof Salvador Roxas Gonzales

THERE are 10 questions that some intelligent Filipinos asked when they heard about the possible court trial in the US of deposed Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos. They are:

First, Assuming that Marcos was brought to the United States by the US government as a "guest," although with some persuasion, to avoid bloodshed during the EDSA "revolution" on February 25, 1986, as a former Chief-of-State of another country, the Philippines, with assurance of safety, is it fair to now indict him for crimes of which he was not then charged, and would this not constitute misrepresentation to arrest him? (Marcos is accused of misappropriating \$400 million, not \$4 billion).

Second, Had Marcos been able to suppress that revolution and retained his political power, would the US government have brought him to America for trial?

Third, Assuming that Marcos had defrauded money aid of the US government to the Philippines, and is alleged to have used the money to purchase personal property in America, when one considers that he legally received the aid as then President of the Philippines, but allegedly got part for himself, would this not be a crime against the Filipino people rather than against the US government?

Fourth, Assuming that Marcos committed a crime involving US money, the crime was committed in the Philippines and inviting Marcos to the United States as a "guest," for he could not have been arrested by the Americans to be brought there, would be illegal since there is no extradition treaty between the US and the Philippines. Would not, therefore, indicting Marcos in the US not constitute a violation of the Philippine constitutional right of a Filipino citizen?

Fifth, Granting that the United States and Switzerland have a treaty allowing the US to obtain data of money deposits in Swiss banks, which money was gotten fraudulently from the US, could not the US government obtain that data and supply the Philippine government with them instead of trying Marcos itself out of respect for the sovereignty of the Philippines (for although the money came from the US it was already given to the Philippines and there therefore the crime, if there is, would be against the Filipino people)?

Sixth, Is it not rather shameful for the Philippine government, in the eyes of the world, to let the US government try a former Philippine President as if the Philippine Republic were still a colony of the United States under a "governor general" (Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel's question).

Seventh, Why is it that after more than two years the government still does not have sufficient evidence to put Marcos on trial whereas the US government has

mitted in the Philippines and inviting Marcos to the United States as a "guest," for he could not have been arrested by the Americans to be brought there, would be illegal since there is no extradition treaty between the US and the Philippines. Would not, therefore, indicting Marcos in the US not constitute a violation of the Philippine constitutional right of a Filipino citizen?

Eighth, To claim that what the Philippine Cory government is interested in is to recover the money that Marcos allegedly got from the country, the Philippines, rather than in his trial — does this not indicate a betrayal of justice; in other words, if we got some money back, never mind justice! (A question for Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordoñez.)

Ninth, To say that the indictment of Marcos in the US does not mean he would be arrested "because of personal arrangements" — does this not indicate the possibility that Marcos might win his case in the US and come out a "hero"; if he does, would it not be ridiculous for the Philippine courts to try him in Manila later? (Senate President Jovito Salonga mentioned in a newspaper interview that Marcos has "personal arrangements"; a few months ago, Salonga was for the return of Marcos to the Philippines).

Tenth, Would not allowing Marcos to be tried in the United States, the decision and new came right after Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus announced that the US Military Bases review agreement had been approved by both governments, not imply that the Marcos trial in the US is a part of that agreement? (This question is valid, contrary to the contention of those who do not know logic. Cory's fear of Marcos is discernible, her government is unstable).

Produce Dona Marilyn captain — survivors

PRESIDENT Corason Aquino has reactivated government agencies probing the Dona Paz tragedy and widened the scope of the investigation to include the sinking of Dona Marilyn.

These agencies, including the Department of Social Welfare, Coast Guard, National Bureau of Investigation are meeting this afternoon with representatives of Sulpicio Lines and the coalition of Dona Paz and Dona Marilyn survivors and victims' kin to discuss moves related to the sea tragedies.

In the meeting, the coalition will ask Sulpicio Lines to produce the ship's captain, Capt. Eldorado Salgado who is, based on some survivors' accounts, alive and in hiding.

Mila Lopez, coalition chairperson and spokeswoman said: "Captain Salgado has to answer so many questions from survivors as well as relatives of the Dona Marilyn sea tragedy. For example, they would want to know why he allowed the ship to proceed in spite of the coming typhoon instead of anchoring in one of the small isle near Masbate."

She also revealed that Sulpicio, through its spokesman and vice-president, Vicente Gambito, has confirmed the issuance of P50,000 individual insurance for each passenger of Dona Marilyn.

Lopez said that the survivors have hinted that they would

demand another P50,000 each for both the dead passengers and the survivors for the trauma they suffered at sea in the hands of sea pirates, sharks and the waves.

"This does not include a multi-million peso damage suit that another group of survivors is filing against Sulpicio," Lopez said.

Some relatives of survivors who did not want their names mentioned told Tonight: "We are also contemplating the filing of a similar charge against the Philippine Coast Guard for gross negligence as guardians of public safety in the seas."

Lopez said the survivors intend to pin down the ship's captain. "Actually, according to some survivors, the captain

holds the key to the investigations. What really prompted him to disregard the terrible weather conditions?

"The survivors are angry," Lopez added. "They would not be satisfied with mere payment for the injuries they sustained during the tragedy."

33 show people face tax probe

THE Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) placed under investigation all 33 former and present stars of a popular afternoon television variety show for alleged non-declaration of their talent fees.

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Lloyd's of London stiffens membership requirements

LONDON, Nov 12, (AP): Lloyd's of London on Friday set new financial requirements, including stiffer deposit standards, for its members in an attempt to strengthen the security of policies written at the insurance exchange.

Lloyd's said the new requirements, to go into effect in 1990, will for the first time raise the deposit level required of the exchange's British members to the same level required of its foreign members.

They also raise to £250,000 (\$450,000) from £100,000 (\$180,000) the minimum amount of readily realizable financial assets a party must have to be eligible for membership.

Rules
Under the new rules, approved on Friday by the ruling council of Lloyd's, new members and those already having declared financial resources of £250,000 (\$450,000) or more will need to deposit funds with the exchange equal to 30 per cent of their "premium limit." Previously, the deposit was 20 per cent for British concerns and 28 per cent for foreign members.

A premium limit is the maximum amount of premium members are entitled to claim in insurance policies syndicated at Lloyd's.

The limit usually is equal to about 1.5 times a member's declared financial resources. Members with declared resources of between £100,000 (\$180,000) and £250,000 (\$450,000) will be required to deposit 40 per cent of their premium limit, up from 20 per cent for British members and 28 per cent for foreigners.

Top people get their cars too cheap, complains Soviet worker

MOSCOW, Nov 12, (Reuters): Top people in the Soviet Union get their favourite cars on the cheap, a worker at the Gorky factory which makes the sleek black Chaika limousine complained today.

In an outburst of proletarian anger at official privilege, fitter S. Barabashin said production costs of each of the 150 Chaikas the Volga River factory assembles a year were 34,000 roubles or \$54,400.

But they were sold — largely to ministries, Communist Party and state organisations — at an official price of only 28,000 roubles (\$44,800), Barabashin said in an article in the daily Socialist Industry.

"As a result, our factory which is supposed to be self-financing loses one million roubles (\$1.6 million) a year, which we have to pay out of our pockets," he added.

"This has been going on for decades. Earlier, we kept quiet about it, but we can't any longer. We have to count every kopek, but at the same time the plant is throwing a million roubles into the wind every year. Where is the justice?"

Arab Saudi Bank names new vice-president



Leslie J. Rice

LESLEY J. RICE has been named vice-president in charge of financial control of Arab Saudi Bank.

Previously, the 36-year-old Briton was controller of the London branch of Credit du Nord, a French bank. He has also held posts with other banks and companies in London, the Channel Islands and Libya.

Rice is an honours graduate in economics and a fellow of Britain's Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Transactions
"Mr Rice comes with solid background in the area of international finance transactions and control," said Tarek A. Mowafi, deputy general manager of the Bahrain-based bank.

"His experience will add immeasurably to keeping Arab Saudi Bank on the steady and successful course it has pursued these past years."

Dollar at a fair level, says Verity

Wall Street retreats after Bush victory

NEW YORK, Nov 12, (Agencies): Wall Street wanted it, expected it and got it. But when a George Bush victory finally arrived, there was no celebration.

Instead, investors sighed, then retreated. Yesterday, the market dropped nearly 50 points.

When all was said and done, the market acted more relieved than Michael Dukakis did not win, than pleased that George Bush did in Tuesday's presidential election.

"I don't think anyone really wanted Bush; he was the lesser of two evils," asserted John Burnett, senior vice-president at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corp.

"I don't know how to describe Wall Street's attitude," said Thomas Walsh, head of equity trading for Nikko Securities Co. International Inc. "You heard more 'I'm glad Dukakis didn't win' than 'I'm glad Bush won.'"

Relief
"(The market's reaction) was relief that Dukakis did not win," added Michael Metz, vice-president for Oppenheimer and Co.

Analysts said investors felt little like celebrating as they awoke

to post-election reality and the same problems that had troubled the market in the period leading up to the vote — interest rates, the dollar and the budget and trade deficits.

Investors feared Dukakis would be a free-spending liberal — boosting social programmes and cutting defense spending — but wouldn't have reduced the federal budget deficit. They also feared the Democrat would let the dollar decline and fellow protectionist trade policies.

Investors
With the election over, the most immediate question was whether the Federal Reserve would move to raise interest rates.

Next was how Bush — the Republican who served as Ronald Reagan's vice-president for eight years — would reduce the massive federal budget deficit. Many analysts feared Bush had backed himself into a corner by vowing not to raise taxes.

Then there was the question of the deteriorating dollar and how foreign investors would react. The currency got a downward shove early in the week from Bush adviser and Harvard economist Martin Feldstein, who

suggested that a lower dollar would do more to extend the economic recovery and help the US trade deficit. The weak dollar dragged down bonds and stocks.

Added to those concerns was the newest question mark: Would Bush be able to work with Congress to solve all those problems?

And intruding on an already nervous market were fears that Congress might move to put the breaks on leveraged buyouts. Those concerns emerged when Senate Republican leader Bob Dole suggested at midweek that the deductibility of interest rates used for buyouts be eliminated.

Confidence
With little to soothe their shattered confidence, investors fled to the sidelines to sort out the prospects for the future.

This post-election paralysis was reflected in a sharp decline in trading activity. Volume on the Big Board average 138.62 million shares a day, down from 150.50 million the week before.

Yesterday, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks suffered its worst one-day loss in nearly seven months, falling 47.66 points to 2,067.03. The last bigger loss was 101.46 points on

April 14.

The Dow industrial average's 78.77-point loss for the full week was the biggest from Aug 8 to 12, when the blue-chip indicator dropped 81.61 points.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index lost 4.46 over the week to end at 151.24; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market lost 7.26 to end the week at 373.76; and the American Stock Exchange market value index was down 6.04 at 291.48.

Failure
Analysts said the market's failure to respond to the Bush victory was in itself a message to the president-elect.

"OK, George, what do you have up your sleeve? That's what people want to know," Walsh said.

For the near-term, analysts say investors need answers. They say Bush needs to move quickly to eliminate the uncertainty that has pervaded Wall Street in the aftermath of his victory.

"The way he conducts himself and what he says between now and inauguration about how he's going to deal with the deficit and other concerns will make a difference in the market," Burnett

said.

Meanwhile, Commerce Secretary William Verity said yesterday the dollar had returned to a fair level in line with an agreement reached last June at an economic summit in Toronto.

The seven major industrial democracies agreed that a fall or rise in the dollar from present levels would destabilise the move toward improving global trade balances.

Value
Verity told a US Chamber of Commerce televised trade discussion between Washington and Frankfurt that the dollar had fluctuated since the summit but now "it is a fair value for all seven nations."

A strong dollar makes US exports costly and imports cheap and has been a major factor in the record US trade deficit of \$152 billion amassed in 1987. West Germany and Japan have run up major trade surpluses with the United States.

The dollar is now worth about 1.74 German marks, the same as last June, although it has risen and fallen since then. The dollar is worth about 123 Japanese yen compared with about 125 last June.

President-elect may adopt Reagan's trade policy

Bush to face bigger budget headache

WASHINGTON, Nov 12, (Agencies): President-elect George Bush has been given the grim news that the US budget deficit in the next fiscal year will be \$21 billion higher than Ronald Reagan's administration had previously estimated.

That information means that Bush will be facing an even bigger budget headache when he takes office on Jan 20.

The new deficit estimate was presented to Bush and Reagan during a cabinet briefing yesterday on the administration's final budget submission to Congress.

Growth
Joseph Wright Jr, director of the Office of Management and Budget, said the OMB now estimates that the deficit for the 1990 fiscal year, which begins next Oct 1, will be \$132 billion, substantially higher than that \$111 billion deficit estimate OMB made just three months ago.

Officials said the main factors boosting the deficit estimate were the drought, which slowed

economic growth this year, and higher-than-expected interest rates, which raised the cost of financing the \$2.6-trillion national debt.

The country's balanced budget law's deficit target for 1990 is \$100 billion, which means that \$32 billion in budget cuts will be needed to close the gap between revenues and spending.

Achieving such sizeable cuts in the face of congressional opposition to further reductions in domestic programmes will present Bush with major political problems.

During the campaign, Bush sidestepped specifics on how he would deal with the budget deficit by touting a plan for a "flexible freeze." Bush said he would allow government spending to grow only enough to match inflation. Within the overall freeze, selected programmes could grow while others would be cut.

However, Bush avoided providing details on what programmes he would cut in

order to free funds for increases that he promised to make an education, child care and health care for the poor.

The budget document Reagan sends to Congress on Jan 9 will reflect his decisions, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

However, officials said it was likely that Bush would rewrite at least part of the document once he takes office, just as Reagan did in 1981 when he submitted his own budget to Congress in place of the budget left behind by Democratic President Jimmy Carter.

Increases
Officials refused to comment on reports that the final Reagan budget will call for substantial increases in defence spending and steep cuts in diplomatic programmes as a way of providing Bush with the opportunity to present a softer budget blueprint once he takes office.

OMB spokeswoman Barbara Clay said that Reagan's final budget would not include any tax

increases, something the president has consistently opposed, or seek to trim government benefits to the elderly as a way of meeting the \$100-billion target of the budget-balancing law.

With estimates on future deficits rising, many private economists are convinced that Bush will be forced to accept some type of tax increase despite his oft-repeated opposition to new tax during the campaign.

As examples of pressure for increased spending, they point to public demands that the government do more in the fight against drugs, and to estimates topping \$50 billion for the cost of bailing out hundreds of insolvent savings and loan institutions.

Blueprint
House of Representatives speaker Jim Wright yesterday said the first signal on whether Bush is serious about reducing the budget deficit is likely to come from his appointment of two members to the National Economic Commission, a bipar-

tisan advisory group created to come up with a blueprint for eliminating the budget deficit.

"Will they be realistic people, will they be people dedicated to finding a true solution to this enormous budget crisis?" Wright, a Democrat, asked. "I think that may be his first signal."

Members of the Democrat-controlled US Congress are signalling new pressure on Bush to tighten regulation of US equities markets to prevent a re-run of the crash of '87.

Financial analysts said Bush would probably adopt the same free-market stance as President Reagan, who this year helped stall reform efforts.

"In the absence of some kind of severe market break or other stock market scandal, that kind of legislation will have little chance," said Richard Phillips, former chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities.

Japan's trade surplus soars

TOKYO, Nov 12, (Reuters): Japan's huge trade surplus soared in October and economists said new international tensions could arise from the failure to right the world's lopsided trading patterns.

Economists have been saying for months that the effort to cut the surplus has stalled. David Pike, an economist at UBS Phillips and Drew said, "Now we can say it has reversed," he added.

The Ministry of Finance reported yesterday that Japan's October customs-cleared trade surplus surged to \$7.69 billion from \$5.80 billion a year earlier.

Surplus
While the Japanese surplus with the United States fell some, exports to Europe and Southeast Asian countries such as South Korea and Taiwan were booming.

Many analysts suggest that Europe and Southeast Asia, where Japanese auto exports rose 25.5 per cent and 52 per cent, respectively, in October on a year-on-year basis, may soon institute quotas and other non-tariff barriers.

"We're going to see a different

set of tensions," Pike said. "It may be an increasing problem with Europe and Australia-Asia rather than the US that the Japanese will have to cope with."

The rise in the October Japanese surplus was the second consecutive gain for the Japanese trade account. Some analysts had pinned the blame for the September rise on lower imports due to a drop in crude oil prices.

"There are a number of people who argue that (the rise) is all temporary, but I disagree entirely," said Adrian Tschogl, an economist with SBCI Securities Asia.

Imports
"One factor alone is the upward valuation of the Korean won and the Taiwanese dollar, which makes yen exports cheaper to these countries and imports from them more expensive," he said.

Japanese import growth has to rise 50 per cent over the speed of export growth for the trade adjustment process to continue and that is just not happening, said Kenneth Courtis, senior economist at DB Capital Markets Asia.

Japanese exporters have cut

costs and honed efficiency to deal with the appreciation of the yen, redoubling their export efforts in Europe and Southeast Asia.

Exports to Southeast Asian countries skyrocketed 25.1 per cent in October while imports increased only 6.1 per cent, the Ministry of Finance reported.

Doubled
Overall, the Japanese trade surplus with Southeast Asia more than doubled to \$1.81 billion from \$856 million a year earlier.

"The only thing that was keeping the surplus within bounds was that auto exports were flat until last month," Courtis said.

After rising four per cent year-on-year in September, car exports jumped 13.2 per cent in October, with a large part of that growth taking place in Europe and Southeast Asia.

With the possibility of protectionist legislation looming, Japanese carmakers may double their efforts to export cars to Europe and Southeast Asia, some economists said.

"We expect car companies to race over the next few months and car exports to continue to expand," Courtis said.

Tunisia expects economy to bounce back in 1989

TUNIS, Nov 12, (Reuters): Tunisia has adjusted its estimate of economic growth in 1988 downwards after realising the full impact of a disastrous harvest but expects the economy to bounce back in 1989, Planning Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi said.

The Planning Ministry now expects only one per cent growth this year, against initial predictions of 2.5 per cent, Ghannouchi told a cabinet meeting on Wednesday.

The main reason was that drought and an attack on locusts had cut agricultural production by one quarter. The grain harvest was particularly affected, falling to 292,500 tonnes from an average of about 1.3 million.

Ghannouchi was presenting an economic analysis to the cabinet at a meeting on next year's budget. The cabinet issued a statement on the meeting on Wednesday evening.

Agricultural output would probably increase 14 per cent in 1989 while manufacturing industry would grow 6.8 per cent, giving an overall growth rate of 5.5 per cent, slightly below the rate of

5.8 achieved in 1987, the minister added.

He forecast a current account deficit of 200 million dinars (\$225 million) in 1988, well under the 380 million dinars (then \$480 million) predicted by Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche in last year's budget speech.

Much of the improvement results from a boom in tourism, especially Libyans taking advantage of borders opened when the two countries resumed ties in December.

Industry and Trade Minister Moncef Belaid said earlier this month that receipts from tourism had doubled to 800 million dinars (\$890 million) in the first nine months of 1988.

Ghannouchi said the government could probably hold the current account deficit to 280 million dinars (\$310 million) next year and maintain Tunisia's debt service ratio at the current level of 24 per cent.

The government last week announced new measures to encourage investment, saying earlier reforms had not done enough.

Iraq offers state plants to Arab investors

BAGHDAD, Nov 12, (AP): The government has offered to sell a number of state-owned plants to Arab businessmen in Iraq's drive to revive its economy for post-war reconstruction, Industry Minister Brig. Hussein Kamel said on Wednesday.

About 20 medium-sized plants were put up for sale last July under a new economic strategy declared by President Saddam Hussein to privatise some inefficient state enterprises and industrial projects and loosen the socialist state's grip on industry.

Projects
They included several food-canning and beverage plants.

The state-run television network, reporting Kamel's statement, said he told the Gulf businessmen that Iraq is considering setting up an industrial free zone to encourage invest-

ment by Arab and other foreign companies.

Kamel urged them to take the opportunity to set up major industrial projects, such as petrochemical and steel plants.

The Iraqis, eager for badly needed investment so they can revive an ambition industrial development programme shelved in 1984 because of the war, are particularly keen to secure Arab investment from the oil-rich Gulf region.

Assets
The move coincided with new government regulations to encourage the private sector and expand its role in the economy, battered by the eight-year-old war with Iran.

Western diplomats in Baghdad said the move was aimed at raising productivity, which has been dampened by bureaucracy,

hard currency shortages and lack of investment.

Few of the state assets offered for sale to local investors have been sold because of caution among Iraqis to invest large amounts of funds held abroad in major enterprises.

The government last April issued a new law to encourage Arab businessmen to invest in Iraq, providing them with incentives such as tax exemption and freedom to move their money abroad with guarantees against government seizure of assets.

The Iraqis' main objectives on the economic front are to rebuild and expand its oil industry, cornerstone of the economy, and secure major new foreign credits despite a foreign debt of an estimated \$60 billion.

Most creditors, hopeful of winning lucrative contracts in

the post-war reconstruction programme, have rescheduled Iraq's debts. The United States and Britain earlier this month extended new lines of credit to Iraq totalling more than \$1.5 billion to finance exports.

Co-operation
Meanwhile, Iraq and Ireland agreed yesterday to boost bilateral trade and technical co-operation, state-run television reported.

The agreement was signed by visiting Irish Trade Minister Seamus Brennan and Iraqi Transportation Minister Mohammed Hamza, the television said.

Ireland also agreed to expand new lines of credit to cover Iraqi purchases from Irish companies, but the television report gave no details of the financing arrangements.

Oil price discount denied

RIYADH, Nov 12, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia has denied Western press reports that it has slashed its official oil price by 10 cents a barrel, it was reported here today.

An official from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources said a Western news agency had carried a report Wednesday quoting oil sources as saying that "the kingdom had informed Japanese oil importers of its decision and that it would continue increasing oil production."

The source noted that "we regret that some Western media channels insist on publishing such reports despite Saudi official announcements on recent disturbances in the oil market."

World Business Summary

Bahrain may privatise state-owned industries

BAHRAIN, Nov 12, (Reuters): Bahrain is considering plans to transfer some of its government-owned industries to the private sector, Finance Ministry Undersecretary Isa Borshaid said in remarks published today. "The matter needs more study... which includes taking domestic economic circumstances into consideration," the Arabic weekly Al Adhwa quoted him as saying. "When there is a good investment opportunity, the private sector will not hesitate to co-venture with the government had to float some or all of its stake in light industries such as Bahrain Aluminium Extrusion Co., which makes windows and door frames from locally-produced aluminium ingots. Heavy basic industries such as Aluminium Bahrain, which produces the ingots, would probably be excluded from the scheme, they said. "It is believed that the private sector will be more commercially minded than the government," said one source.

Jordan will overcome economic crisis, says King Hussein

AMMAN, Nov 12, (Reuters): King Hussein, fresh from a Gulf tour during which he discussed Arab aid arrears, said today he was confident Jordan would overcome its economic crisis. "You know that it is not the first time Jordan has faced a financial challenge," he told bankers, businessmen and industrialists at the opening of a coin museum. "Jordan is accustomed to confronting and overcoming such hardships... this has given us more strength and endurance." The king returned on Friday from a tour of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman during which he discussed the kingdom's economic problems. That meeting promised a total of \$1.25 billion a year for a decade but only Saudi Arabia has paid in full. Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i said last month Arab aid arrears equalled Jordan's \$6.5 billion foreign debt.

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	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
BANK SECTOR						
NATIONAL BANK	1.100	1.100	1.110	1.100	535000	26
GULF BANK	0.415	0.415	0.415	0.415	310000	7
COMMERCIAL BK	0.310					
ARAB BANK	0.375	0.375	0.375	0.375	240000	6
B.K.M.E.	0.390					
K.R.E.B.	0.390					
BURJAN BANK	0.305					
K.F.HOUSE	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	15000	1
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KUT INV. CO.	0.146					
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
K.I.I.C.	0.142					
COM.FACILITIES	0.480					
ARLHAN INV.	0.000					
I.F.A.	0.100					
INV. PEARL KUT	0.104	0.102	0.102	0.102	220000	5
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KUT INSURANCE	0.730					
GULF INSURANCE	0.350					
ARLHA INS. CO.	0.580					
ARLHA INS. CO.	0.445					
REAL ESTATE SECTOR						
KUT R.E. CO.	0.220					
UNI R.E. CO.	0.095	0.094	0.094	0.094	200000	2
NAT R.E. CO.	0.200					
SALHAN R.E.	0.080					
KUT R.E.I. CO.	0.000					
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
NAT IND. CO.	0.540					
KUT M.P. IND.	0.295					
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255					
REF. IND. CO.	0.405	0.400	0.400	0.400	10000	1
N.A.M.T. CO.	0.000					
GULF CABLE	1.130	1.120	1.120	1.120	115000	6
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.192	0.196	0.196	0.196	20000	1
COM. MARINE	0.255					
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.045					
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082					
K.M.C. CO.	0.190					
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170					
P.WAREHOUSING	0.156					
COM. MCT. CHPX.	0.017					
MOBILE TELE.	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.335	40000	4
KUT COMPUTER	0.172					
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228					
UNTD FISHERIES	0.154					
UNTD POULTRY	0.216					
KUT FOODS	0.300					
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150					
NON-KUT SECTOR						
BIN. INTER. BK	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	40000	1
BIN. N.EAST. BK	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052	400000	4
UNTD. GULF BK	0.000					
COAST INVEST.	0.100					
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.034					
FIRST. GULF BK	0.620					
B.K.I.G.	0.080					
KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL						
FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV. CO.	0.098					
GULF INV. CO.	0.041					
GULF INTL INS	0.009					
ARAB INT CO.	0.055					
SHARJAH INS	0.000					
GULF UNION INS	0.070					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.028					
C-R.K. WHITE CHMT	0.024					
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007					
E-EMJAH CEMENT	0.007					
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016					
H-HAM GATWAIN	0.022					

Devaluation denied

BAHRAIN, Nov 12. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia today reconfirmed it had no plans to devalue its currency, dismissing speculation about such a move as baseless.

The Saudi Press Agency, quoting an official source, denied Saudi Arabia was to blame for volatility in the international oil markets.

The source said Saudi Arabia maintained that the volatility resulted from the failure of other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC) to adhere to production quotas agreed by the 13-member group.

The source was reacting to Reuters reports this week that Saudi production in October had risen above its OPEC quota of 4.3 million barrels per day and that financial markets were speculating on a devaluation against the US dollar to boost the domestic value of oil revenues.

Interest rates in the Saudi rial market fell in reaction to the SPA report ruling out a devaluation.

Indian hotel shares to go on sale



Dr A.K. Bhattacharya, (extreme right) managing director of the State Bank of Hyderabad, addressing the investor's conference of the Bhasker Palace Ashok, a five-star hotel opening shortly at Hyderabad. To his right is J. Bhasker Rao, the promoter of the hotel.

VENKATARAMANA Hotels Limited is entering the capital market to raise Rs3.45 crores through the issue of Rs29.5 lakh equity shares of Rs10/- each for cash at par and 50,000 — 10 per cent cumulative convertible preference shares of Rs100/- each to meet part of the cost of the Rs18.90 crores five-star hotel project — Bhasker Palace Ashok at Hyderabad.

Cumulative convertible preference shares have been reserved for allotment to UTI on private placement basis.

Out of the equity issue, Rs1.80 lakh shares have been reserved for preferential allotment to non-resident Indians, NRIs, on repatriation basis, and another 3,52,500 shares have been earmarked for preferential allotment to employees of the company.

The balance of 14,17,500 shares are being offered to the Indian public.

The subscription list for the fully-underwritten public issue will open on Nov 22 for the NRIs and on Nov 29 for the Indian public, according to a press release.

Promoted by Shri J. Bhasker Rao, a leading tax consultant, Bhasker Palace Ashok has entered into collaboration and a

marketing tie-up with the ITDC chain, the largest in India.

This is the first time that ITDC has entered into an agreement with a private promoter in the five-star category.

Ideally located for scenic beauty and commercial activity, Bhasker Palace Ashok will have 222 elegant rooms including 19 luxurious suites in the best of five-star style. The hotel will also have a roof top revolving restaurant, the largest in India, the press release said.

Projects

Taking into account the number of rooms and the cost of the revolving restaurant, the project cost of Rs18.90 crores is the lowest in the country. The cost per room, works out at Rs8.51 lakhs which compares very favourably with the per room cost of other five-star hotels, which ranges from Rs10.90 lakhs to Rs12.56 lakhs. This will enable the hotel to achieve a low project cost.

Bhasker Palace Ashok will be in a position to achieve a break-even point at 52 per cent occupancy as compared to 60 per cent to 75 per cent for five-star hotels, thus assuring higher profitability, according to the company.

In view of its collaboration

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ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.11	2.22
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.12
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.26	2.27
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.38	0.36
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.49	2.48
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	16.27	16.70
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.71	0.70
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.33	2.30
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.67	0.68
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	4.50	4.57
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.40	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.45	1.52
GENERAL MINING.	1.38	1.45
HIGHEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.40	1.41
IND. WACH JENCO	0.76	0.75
INDSTRL DEVLPT BHK	1.58	1.61
INDSTRL COM/VAGR.	1.45	1.46
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTER. CON/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.42	1.40
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.75	15.25
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.63	1.62
JOR ELEC. INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.79	1.80

Norway minister quashes devaluation rumours

OSLO, Nov 12. (Reuters): Norwegian Finance Minister Gunnar Berge has quashed rumours that Oslo intends to devalue the crown — a rumour that was partly responsible for depressing the nation's currency this week.

"That is ridiculous and absolutely not the case," Berge told the daily Stavanger Aftenbladet today.

State television reported the Central Bank bought five billion crowns (\$760 million) in currency intervention on Friday to bolster the currency. It gave no sources for its report.

Dealers

Foreign exchange dealers told Reuters on Friday the crown had fallen sharply in a trade-weighted basket of 14 currencies and the Central Bank had bought large amounts of crowns with other currencies.

They said the crown's fall was partly because of problems within Norway's oil-based economy but there had also been rumours of a devaluation.

Norway last devalued the crown in the spring of 1986 — by 12 per cent — when a collapse in the price for its North Sea oil threatened to create a major economic recession.

Labour Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland said then there would be only one devaluation and Norway would subsequently solve its economic problems by other means.

Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firm

KUWAIT, Nov 12. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed today amid tight liquidity.

Dealers said the short dates opened low after offshore banks offered funds, with overnight trading at one per cent and tomorrow and spot-next offered at two and one per cent, respectively.

But as banks bid to cover longer positions and buy Treasury bills from the Central Bank on the secondary market, overnight rates shot up as high as 10 per cent.

Tomorrow and spot-next deposits were bid at five and six per cent, respectively, while one-week was quoted at eight, seven per cent after 7-1/2 per cent deals.

The one-month maturity climbed to 7-1/2, seven per cent from 7-1/4, 6-3/4 per cent early in the day with business reported at 7-1/4 per cent.

World Bank chief in Amman

AMMAN, Nov 12. (AP): World Bank President Barber Conable arrived today for talks with Jordanian officials on financial issues, the official Jordan news agency reported.

Conable was met on arrival at Amman international airport by Planning Minister Taher Kansan and other officials, the agency, Petra, said.

During a three-day stay, Conable was to "discuss the development of World Bank-financed projects in Jordan and possible future participation of the bank in financing new ones," the agency said.

Kuwait trade volume dips as market loses momentum

KUWAIT, Nov 12. (KUNA): Alshali index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 42.08 points with a decrease of 0.40 point; 0.9 per cent from last week's average.

Alshali index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.88 points with an increase of 0.30 point; 0.6 per cent for the same period, according to a press statement by Alshali Economic Consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 9.72 million shares at a daily average of 1.94 million shares with a decrease of 50 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 3.86 million shares the statement said.

Decrease

Gulf traded shares reached 5.08 million shares at a daily average of 1.02 million shares with a decrease of 62 per cent from last week's daily average of 2.69 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD3.505 million at a

daily average of KD0.701 million, a decrease of 51 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.429 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD0.230 million at a daily average of KD0.046 million a decrease of 68 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.145 million.

The weak performance of the market was reflected on all three indices volume, price, and value in the Kuwaiti share market and only on the volume and value in the Gulf share market, according to the statement.

Momentum

The market seems to have lost the momentum it had acquired after the ceasefire decision in the Iraq-Iran war was taken, it added.

This confirms our point of view that market activity resulting from a political decision or any other outside factor without reflecting actual performance or profit levels of the individual companies, does not last long," the report added.

In the Kuwaiti shares market the banking sector maintained its lead at 60 per cent of total trading against last week's 59 per cent. The Gulf Bank led in the sector at 36 per cent, followed by the Commercial Bank at 20 per cent and Burgan Bank at 12 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 16 per cent of total trading in which investment Pearl Kuwait led at 63 per cent followed by National Investments at 36 per cent.

The real estate sector came third at 9 per cent of total trading volume in which United Realty had the lead at 71 per cent of total sector trading, followed by Kuwaiti Real Estate at 29 per cent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the investment sector came first at 65 per cent of total trading. Bahrain Middle East Bank had the lead in both sectors at 26 per cent followed by White Cement Company at 16 per cent and Coast Investment and Development Company at 15 per cent.

Turkey looks to boost wheat sales to Moscow

ANKARA, Nov 12. (Reuters): Turkey is looking at the Soviet Union as an export market for wheat after bumper harvests, Turkish Grain Board officials said yesterday.

Self-sufficient in food, Turkey aims to export 2.5 million tonnes of wheat and barley this year, compared with up to 400,000 tonnes a year between 1980 and 1987.

"Turkey is becoming an exporter nation. People know they can get continuous supplies

from us," Grain Board chairman Ahmet Ozgunes said in an interview.

Turkey's 1988 wheat harvest is officially estimated at 20.5 million tonnes, compared with 18.9 million the previous year. Ozgunes said the 1989 figure was likely to be similar to 1988.

The 1988 barley harvest is estimated at 7.5 million tonnes, up from 6.9 million in 1987.

Ozgunes said exports this year were destined mainly for the Soviet Union, Mediterranean

basin countries and places such as Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Exports to the Soviet Union, mainly of wheat, were expected to total 350,000 tonnes. "We hope it will go up to 500,000 tonnes next year," Ozgunes said.

Turkey sold the Soviet Union between 5,000 and 6,000 tonnes last year to test the market.

"The Soviet Union is a very good market for us due to its location and the short transport distances involved," Ozgunes said.

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DARTS

Baggs and Cottar remain unbeaten

DEFENDING KBRC Monday League darts champions Baggs remained unbeaten this week with an edged 4-2 win at Tanker Co., as did perennial arch rivals Cottar Hoose who went top on game difference by beating Wallbangers 5-1.

Stuart Skelhorn earned his 140 trophy for WB's in his three high scores, while Inge Thulin registered 140 for Baggs, as did Dave Bolton for Tanker Co., as all Tanker Co. players made high scores but stumbled on hitting their doubles.

Queens relinquished their hold on the top spot in the ladies League going down 2-1 to title holders Cottar Hoose, as Maureen Simms couldn't repeat last week's trophy winning 156, though Val Pond did score 110. New leaders are Bandit ladies after a 2-0 home win against off form Mishraf, with Tanker Co. ladies second due to a 2-0 walk-over from Nightflights.

Straight As A Dai took full advantage of Exiles and Ragamuffins' week off by beating Members 5-1, and moving into Men's League third. George Smith hit yet another 140, while Andy Wilson checked out with 93 but still went down 2-1 to Jerry Upton.

Bandits beat Mishraf with superior Mickey Mouse tactics, whilst Pacifists were extremely docile in a 6-0 drubbing at the hands of Cunning Linguists. Keith Swaden made be wondering what went wrong as he scored 180, 140, 125 and 121 yet still lost his game, though Pacifist ladies redressed the balance with a 2-1 win over Felthorpe.

In the KBRC Wednesday League it was all change this week as upsets ruled the day. Leaders Middle Eastenders slumped to a first defeat 5-1 at Soweto Slingers, despite three high scores from Ron Finch. A similar fate befell Bulls Hitters who were completely psyched out of it by Rondels.

Lowly Nobblers earned their third point in two weeks with a 4-2 win over slumping Showers of Tossers, whilst last week's opponents Shipwrecks gained a second point in a 3-3 draw with the ill-mannered Chucks. Bottom club Fintas Flyers are now two points adrift despite a good fight at improving Hasbeens, going down 4-2 with Martin Downey scoring 140, as did Glyn Garland in inflicting a season's first defeat on Nobby Burton.

H20 won the battle for third defeating Equalisers 4-2, while Entente Cordiale gained a point playing draw specialists Menage A Trois.

Ladies leaders Avengers lost for the first time 2-0 to Mee ladies, but remain top as rivals Tossers ladies also went down 2-1 to Nobblers.

Monday League				
Men's League				
	P	W	D	L
Cottar Hoose	4	3	1	0
Baggs	4	3	1	0
S.A.S. Dai	4	3	0	1
Exiles	4	2	2	0
Ragamuffins	4	2	0	2
Cunning L.	4	2	0	2
Bandits	4	2	0	2
Tanker Co.	4	1	1	2
Wallbangers	4	1	1	2
Pacifists	4	1	1	2
Mishraf	4	0	0	4
The Members	4	0	0	4

Ladies League				
	P	W	D	L
Bandits	4	3	0	1
Tanker Co.	4	3	0	1
Queens	4	3	0	1
Cottar Hoose	4	3	0	1
De-A-S	4	2	0	2
Pacifists	4	2	0	2
Mishraf	4	1	0	3
Ragamuffins	4	1	0	3
Felthorpe	4	0	0	4
Nightflights	4	0	0	4

SIDHU AND VENGSAKAR PUT INDIA IN CONTROL AGAINST KIWIS

Hadlee sets Test-wicket record

BANGALORE, India, Nov 12, (Reuters): New Zealand fast-medium bowler Richard Hadlee drew clear of England all-rounder Ian Botham as Test cricket's most prolific wicket-taker here today.

With his 14th ball on the opening day of the first Test against India, Hadlee removed Indian opener Arun Lal to take his tally to 374 wickets in 75 Tests.

He had held the record jointly with Botham since last December and went further clear with one more wicket before India's batsmen took control to finish the day on 243 for three.

Certainly

"It was important to us that it happened quickly so that we could get on with the game. Arun Lal will certainly go down in my memory as a very special person and obviously a very special wicket," Hadlee said.

In normal circumstances Hadlee's bowling would have been overshadowed by a brilliant maiden Test hundred by Navjot Sidhu, who came to the wicket in only the fifth over after Hadlee had Lal well caught at third slip by Chris Kugeleijn.

The 25-year-old Punjabi was dismissed 15 minutes before the close for a superb 116 when Andrew Jones took a well-judged running catch over his shoulder at deep cover to give Evan Gray revenge for the mauling he had received from Sidhu.

Gray was hit straight for four sixes by Sidhu, who faced 196 balls and also struck 12 fours.

With his captain Dilip Vengsarkar, Sidhu added 174 for the third wicket. The partnership was interrupted when Veng-



Hadlee (left) consoles Arun Lal after dismissing him to set a new record. (Reuters wirephoto)

sarkar decided not to resume after tea because of cramp in his left forearm.

He also retired hurt in his last Test innings in December against West Indies.

Mohammed Azharuddin joined Sidhu at 184 for two and continued the punishment of the New Zealand spin attack. Kugeleijn's 11 over off-spin cost 48 runs while John Bracewell, who was kept out of the attack until the 53rd over, could make no impression.

Lal fell with only nine runs on the board and one run later Hadlee struck again when he bowled Krishnamachari Srikkanth. Thereafter the slow pitch blunted his edge, although his 17 overs cost only 34 runs.

Hadlee said it was a huge relief to have broken the record, particularly after he failed to take a wicket in his last series against England earlier this year.

"After blowing out eight months ago against England I was not sure if I would get another go at

the record as Ian Botham potentially had six Tests in England," Hadlee said.

Botham was unable to play in any one of those six Tests — five against West Indies and one against Sri Lanka — because of a back injury.

"I hope he's fit to bowl again. Someone has to break my record," Hadlee said.

On the prospect of reaching the 400-wicket landmark in Tests, Hadlee said in a radio interview: "I am looking at my career on a year-to-year basis and having given up county cricket and just had six months at home has helped to sustain me."

"The chance of taking 400 wickets is certainly a possibility with three Tests here in India and

three at home to Pakistan early next year."

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings
K. Srikkanth b Hadlee 1
Arun Lal c Kugeleijn b Hadlee 6
N. Sidhu c Jones b Gray 116
D. Vengsarkar retired hurt 73
M. Azharuddin not out 33
W. Raman not out 12
Extras (b-4 lb-4 nb-4) 12
Total (for three wickets) 243

Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-10 3-236

To bat: Kapil Dev, R. Shastri, K. Nagesh, A. Ayub, N. Hirwani

Bowling to date: Hadlee 17-4-34-2, Chatterfield 13-3-29-0, Kugeleijn 11-2-48-0, Gray 22-3-75-1, Bracewell 15-1-49-0

New Zealand — J. Wright, T. Franklin, A. Jones, K. Rutherford, M. Greatbatch, C. Kugeleijn, R. Hadlee, J. Bracewell, I. Smith, E. Gray, E. Chatterfield.

Hadlee's record

Season	Opponents	H/A	Tests	Wickets	Runs	W/M	W/M
1972-73	Pakistan	H	1	25	0	112	2
1973	England	A	1	45	8	143	1
1974	Australia	A	1	66	9	255	7
1975-76	India	H	2	48	4	197	12
1976-77	Pakistan	H	3	75	2	447	10
1977-78	India	A	3	127	18	437	13
1978	Australia	H	2	72	7	354	6
1977-78	England	H	3	121	26	371	15
1978	England	A	3	121	31	270	13
1978-79	Pakistan	H	3	117	13	414	18
1979	W. Indies	H	3	161	30	361	19
1980-81	Australia	A	3	147	35	364	19
1980-81	India	H	3	119	36	288	10
1981-82	Australia	H	3	91	25	226	14
1982-83	Sri Lanka	H	2	77	27	141	10
1983	England	A	4	232	65	539	21
1983-84	England	H	3	109	38	232	12
1983-84	Sri Lanka	A	3	117	47	230	23
1984-85	Pakistan	H	3	118	29	306	16
1985	W. Indies	A	4	143	33	409	15
1985-86	Australia	A	3	169	42	401	33
1985-86	Australia	H	3	157	35	387	16
1986	England	A	3	153	42	390	19
1986-87	W. Indies	H	3	131	20	354	17
1986-87	Sri Lanka	A	3	38	10	102	4
1987-88	Australia	A	3	156	44	333	18
1987-88	England	H	1	18	3	50	0
Totals			74	2899	705	8378	373

*NOTE: This table does not include wickets taken in the first Test here today.

Richards holds up New South Wales

SYDNEY, Nov 12, (Reuters): West Indies captain Viv Richards, who scored his 99th first-class hundred against South Australia a week ago, was on course for his 100th after coming to his side's rescue against New South Wales today.

Richards made 35 not out after the touring side were reduced to 85 for four in reply to NSW's first innings total of 401 for eight declared.

Richards scored his runs in an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 53 with Gus Logie, who was 18 not out at the close when West Indies were 138 for four. Two days of the four-day match remain.

The only time Richards lost his composure was against the last ball of the day from fast bowler

Geoff Lawson. Ducking to avoid the inevitable bounce, Richards lost his red West Indies cap which fluttered down just missing his stumps.

NSW all-rounder Greg Matthews, who was unable to resume his innings earlier in the day after being hit on the elbow yesterday by a ball from Winston Benjamin, exacted a measure of revenge by taking two for 43 in 15 overs.

The off-spinner bowled Carl Hooper who drove over a faster ball while Richie Richardson made 41 before being deceived by Matthews's slower ball.

Medium-fast bowler Michael Whitney had made the initial breakthrough, having Desmond Haynes caught at first slip for 13, and off-spinner Peter Taylor removed Keith Arthurton to a

catch close in on the leg side.

Steve Smith, 42 not out overnight, and Peter Taylor became the third and fourth batsmen to complete half centuries after NSW resumed at 272 for four. John Dyson (79) and Mark Taylor (82) put on 162 for the first wicket yesterday.

Smith made 63 and Peter Taylor 50 not out.

Scoreboard

NEW SOUTH WALES first innings				
	P	W	D	L
J. Dyson c Benjamin b Richards	79			
M. Taylor b b Richards	79			
M. Waugh c Richardson b Bishop	29			
S. Waugh c Haynes b Bishop	21			
S. Smith c Richardson b Harper	63			
G. Matthews retired hurt	26			
T. Bayliss c Arthurton b Patterson	59			
P. Taylor not out	50			
G. Dyer c Benjamin	33			
G. Lawson not out	9			
M. Whitney not out	0			

Hughes takes career-best seven for 81

SYDNEY, Nov 12, (Reuters): Fast-medium bowler Merv Hughes today took a career-best seven for 81 for Victoria against Queensland — just 24 hours before the Australian team for the first Test against West Indies is announced.

Hughes bowled for much of the second day of the Sheffield Shield match in Melbourne with a thigh injury but extracted bounce and movement from a docile pitch.

Ballesteros grabs third round lead

GOTEMBA, Japan, Nov 12, (Reuters): British Open champion Severiano Ballesteros fired six birdies in a third round 68 to snatch the lead in the Taiheyo Masters golf tournament today.

His four-under-par round swept him a shot clear of overnight leader Yoshiyuki Isomura of Japan, who had built a four-stroke lead after 36 holes.

Strange stays ahead of pack

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov 12, (Reuters): Curtis Strange was not nearly as sharp yesterday as in the first round of the \$2 million Nabisco Championship golf tournament, but he still held a two-stroke lead at the halfway mark.

Strange, who shot a brilliant eight-under-par 64 on Thursday, came back with a one-under-par 71 for a nine-under-par 135 total.

Brand Junior cruises to easy victory

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 12, (Reuters): Scot Gordon Brand Junior, who made major changes to his swing earlier this year, romped to a seven-stroke victory in the South Australian Open golf championship today.

Brand had a final round of 65, five under par, to go with three other sub-par rounds on the beachside course.

His tournament total of 267 left him seven shots ahead of Australians Greg Alexander and Wayne Grady.

It was Brand's biggest winning margin since a three-shot triumph in the 1984 European open.

Under the guidance of Bob Torrance, father of Scottish professional Sam Torrance, Brand has changed his grip on the clubs and made other alterations to his address, including standing closer to the ball.

One of those to miss out was Frenchman Pierre-Henri Raphanel who failed to get his Lola into what would have been his first Formula One event.

The 27-year-old Formula 3000 competitor took the drive of Yannick Dalmas who is ill with a chest infection linked to a mild form of legionnaires disease, his team said.

Times after the qualifying session:
1. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) 1:17.448
2. Alain Prost (France) McLaren 1:17.880
3. Nigel Mansell (Britain) Williams 1:19.427
4. Gerhard Berger (Austria) Ferrari 1:19.517
5. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) Lotus 1:19.535
6. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) Williams 1:19.925
7. Derek Warwick (Britain) Arrows 1:20.086
8. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) Benetton 1:20.182
9. Ivan Capelli (Italy) March 1:20.459
10. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) Benetton 1:20.486

Patrese dropped two places to sixth position on the grid, behind reigning world champion Nelson Piquet's Lotus who improved on yesterday's eighth position.

Austrian Berger drove his Ferrari one spot higher to fourth, trimming more than half a second from yesterday's time.

The thrilling close to the qualifier followed a spectacular crash 40 minutes into the hour-long session. The track was closed and practice suspended as officials cleared the wrecked Benetton of Italian Alessandro Nannini.

Improve
"I spun in the middle of what looked like being my best lap," Nannini said. "I touched a kerb at the exit of a corner and, since I was right on the limit, I lost control."

Nannini was uninjured and took his spare car out, but could not improve on his earlier times, which gave him eighth spot on the grid. However, he again spun, but this time without damage.

Four drivers failed to qualify for tomorrow's Grand Prix, for which there are a maximum of 26 places on the grid.

Senna takes Australian GP pole position

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 12, (Reuters): Ayrton Senna confirmed his right to hold the formula one crown by taking pole position for tomorrow's Australian Grand Prix in the dying minutes of the final qualifying session today.

Brazilian world champion-elect Senna and French teammate Alain Prost scorchered around the streets of Adelaide trading fastest lap times, but it was Senna who clinched the number one spot with one minute 17.748 seconds.

Cleanest
"Here at Adelaide, pole position is not really an advantage because it is on the dirty side of the circuit," Senna said referring to the pole being off the best and cleanest driving line.

Senna's time was the second fastest ever recorded on the tortuous 3.78 km circuit and was less than half a second behind last year's record one minute 17.267 second qualifier, set by 1987's winner Gerhard Berger.

Prost, who was unlucky with the traffic, said: "The main problem for me today was brakes. We changed the discs after the morning session and I



Senna races through the streets of Adelaide to qualify for pole position. (Reuters wirephoto)

was much less confident." In temperatures reaching 35 degrees Celsius, the Honda turbo-powered McLarens of Senna and Prost took the first two places on the grid ahead of

Britain's Nigel Mansell in his non-turbo, Judd-engined Williams, though he failed to better his time from yesterday's first session. Mansell's team-mate Ricardo



Johnson (left) helps McKay get the kinks out of his leg during a training session. (Reuters wirephoto)

Johnson hopes to race Lewis again

TORONTO, Nov 12, (Reuters): Disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson, who quietly resumed training this week, said yesterday he would welcome the chance to race arch-rival Carl Lewis anywhere, anytime.

Lewis' agent, Joe Douglas, told a Toronto newspaper on Thursday he was approached recently by a member of the Johnson camp about the possibility of a lucrative match race between the two rivals, possibly next summer.

And Glen Calkins, who handles Johnson's Canadian endorsements, said he has been contacted by three different US interests about the possibility of a Johnson-Lewis duel.

"I'll race Carl anywhere, anytime," Johnson, who appeared noticeably thinner than he was in Seoul, told Reuters during a workout session.

"I'd like to race him. But it's going to be hard," said Johnson, who resumed his daily training schedule on the track on Monday. "I've got to keep in shape," said the 26-year-old Jamaican-born Canadian sprinter, who still holds the world record of 9.83 seconds for the 100 metres.

Douglas said the chance of a match race was remote and would not happen if Lewis' status with the International Amateur Athletic Association (IAAF) was endangered.

Lewis could possibly face suspension under IAAF rules if he were to race against a banned athlete.

Johnson is under suspension by the IAAF and the Canadian Track and Field Association (CTFA) for two years after being stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal for testing positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol.

Lewis, who finished second to Johnson in Seoul, was later awarded the gold medal.

Johnson has maintained since his hasty return from Seoul on September 27 that he did not knowingly take any illegal substances and has been ordered by his lawyer not to discuss the incident.

Johnson is training without the assistance of Charlie Francis, who had been his coach for the past 11 years. Francis was suspended indefinitely with pay on October 24 by the CTFA pending an investigation into the Seoul doping scandal.

Investigation
Yesterday, Johnson worked out with hurdler Mark McKoy, who is under investigation by the CTFA for leaving Seoul without competing in the 4x100 metres relay.

Johnson, McKoy and Francis are among those who will be called to testify before the Canadian government-ordered royal commission into drugs in amateur sport.

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